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# **System Variables**

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## 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Target group

This documentation is aimed at users with the following knowledge and skills:

- Advanced knowledge of the robot controller system
- Advanced KRL programming skills

For optimal use of our products, we recommend that our customers take part in a course of training at KUKA College. Information about the training program can be found at www.kuka.com or can be obtained directly from our subsidiaries.

## 1.2 Industrial robot documentation

The industrial robot documentation consists of the following parts:

- Documentation for the manipulator
- Documentation for the robot controller
- Operating and programming instructions for the System Software
- Instructions for options and accessories
- Parts catalog on storage medium

Each of these sets of instructions is a separate document.

## 1.3 Representation of warnings and notes

**Safety** These warnings are relevant to safety and **must** be observed.

These warnings mean that it is certain or highly probable that death or severe injuries **will** occur, if no precautions are taken.

These warnings mean that death or severe injuries may occur, if no precautions are taken.

These warnings mean that minor injuries may occur, if no precautions are taken.

**NOTICE** These warnings mean that damage to property **may** occur, if no precautions are taken.

These warnings contain references to safety-relevant information or general safety measures.

These warnings do not refer to individual hazards or individual precautionary measures.

This warning draws attention to procedures which serve to prevent or remedy emergencies or malfunctions:

Procedures marked with this warning **must** be followed exactly.

**Notices** 

These notices serve to make your work easier or contain references to further information.



Tip to make your work easier or reference to further information.

## 1.4 Terms used

Term	Description
HTTP	Hypertext Transfer Protocol
	Protocol for transferring data via a network.
КСР	The KCP (KUKA Control Panel) teach pendant has all the operator control and display functions required for operating and programming the industrial robot.
	The KCP variant for the KR C4 is called KUKA smartPAD.
SOAP	Simple Object Access Protocol
	Protocol for exchanging XML-based messages via a network. Any transfer protocol can be used for sending the messages. Due to the greatest compatibility with other systems, HTTP is most commonly used.
TTS	Tool-based technological system
	The TTS is a coordinate system that moves along the path with the robot. It is calculated every time a LIN or CIRC motion is executed. It is derived from the path tangent, the +X axis of the TOOL coordinate system and the resulting normal vector.
	The tool-based moving frame coordinate system is defined as follows:
	X <sub>TTS</sub> : path tangent
	Y <sub>TTS</sub> : normal vector to the plane derived from the path tangent and the +X axis of the TOOL coordinate system
	Z <sub>TTS</sub> : vector of the right-angled system derived from X <sub>TTS</sub> and Y <sub>TTS</sub>
	The path tangent and the +X axis of the TOOL coordinate system must not be parallel, otherwise the TTS cannot be calculated.

## 1.5 Information about the system variables

The documentation contains selected system variables. It does not cover all system variables available for the System Software.

## 2 Safety

The safety information for the industrial robot can be found in the "Safety" chapter of the Operating and Programming Instructions for System Integrators or the Operating and Programming Instructions for End Users.



The "Safety" chapter in the operating and programming instructions of the system software must be observed. Death to persons, severe injuries or considerable damage to property may otherwise result.



## 3 System variables

#### 3.1 \$ABS ACCUR

#### **Description**

Use of the positionally accurate robot model

The variable can be used to check whether a positionally accurate robot model is saved on the RDC and whether it is being used.



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

#### **Syntax**

\$ABS ACCUR=State

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: ENUM
	#ACTIVE: Positionally accurate robot model is loaded and is being used. A positionally accurate robot model is saved on the RDC. The variable \$DEACTIVATE_ABS_ACCUR is FALSE.
	#INACTIVE: Positionally accurate robot model is loaded, but is not used. A positionally accurate robot model is saved on the RDC, but it is currently deactivated with \$DEACTIVATE_ABS_ACCUR == TRUE (until the next cold start of the robot controller).
	#NONE: Standard robot model. No positionally accurate robot model is used. No positionally accurate robot model is saved on the RDC. The value of the variable \$DEACTIVATE_ABS_ACCUR is irrelevant.

#### 3.2 \$ACC

## **Description**

Acceleration of the TCP in the advance run

The variable of structure type CP contains the programmed Cartesian acceleration for the following components:

- CP: Path acceleration in [m/s²]
- ORI1: Swivel acceleration in [°/s²]
- ORI2: Rotational acceleration in [°/s²]

Limit values for Cartesian acceleration:

■ 0.0 ... \$ACC\_MA

The maximum Cartesian acceleration \$ACC\_MA is defined in the machine data (variable in the file ...R1\Mada\\$machine.dat).



Further information about the variable \$ACC\_MA can be found in the documentation **Configuration of Kinematic Systems**.

If \$ACC violates the limit values, the message *Value assignment inadmissible* is displayed. Program execution is stopped or the associated motion instruction is not executed during jogging.

## **Example**

\$ACC={CP 5.0,ORI1 500.0,ORI2 500.0}



## 3.3 \$ACC\_C

#### **Description**

Acceleration of the TCP in the main run

The variable of structure type CP contains the current Cartesian acceleration for the following components:

- CP: Path acceleration in [m/s<sup>2</sup>]
- ORI1: Swivel acceleration in [°/s²]
- ORI2: Rotational acceleration in [°/s²]



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

### 3.4 **\$ACC\_AXIS**[]

#### **Description**

Acceleration of the robot axes in the advance run

The variable contains the planned axis acceleration as a percentage. In the case of motions planned using the dynamic model, the percentage value refers to the axis torque available for acceleration.

If no dynamic model is present, the percentage value refers to the axis rampup time configured in WorkVisual.



Further information about the axis ramp-up time can be found in the documentation **Configuration of Kinematic Systems**.

#### **Syntax**

\$ACC AXIS [Axis number] = Acceleration

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Axis number	Type: INT
	<b>1 6</b> : Robot axis A1 A6
Acceleration	Type: INT; unit: %
	<b>1</b> 100

#### 3.5 **\$ACC\_AXIS\_C[]**

### **Description**

Acceleration of the robot axes in the main run

The variable contains the axis acceleration of the motion currently being executed as a percentage value. In the case of motions planned using the dynamic model, the percentage value refers to the axis torque available for acceleration.

If no dynamic model is present, the percentage value refers to the axis rampup time configured in WorkVisual.



Further information about the axis ramp-up time can be found in the documentation **Configuration of Kinematic Systems**.



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

**Syntax** 

\$ACC\_AXIS\_C [Axis number] = Acceleration



## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Axis number	Type: INT
	<b>1 6</b> : Robot axis A1 A6
Acceleration	Type: INT; unit: %
	<b>1</b> 100

#### 3.6 \$ACC\_CAR\_ACT

## **Description**

**Current Cartesian acceleration** 

The variable of structure type ACC\_CAR contains the current Cartesian acceleration for the following components:

- X, Y, Z: Cartesian acceleration for X, Y, Z in [m/s²]
- A, B, C: Cartesian acceleration for A, B, C in [°/s²]. This acceleration is not evaluated.
- ABS: Overall Cartesian acceleration in the XYZ space in [m/s<sup>2</sup>] (absolute value of the acceleration in X, Y, Z)

The current Cartesian acceleration \$ACC\_CAR\_ACT must not exceed the maximum Cartesian acceleration \$ACC\_CAR\_LIMIT defined in the machine data (variable in the file ...R1\Mada\\$machine.dat).

To ensure this, the monitoring of the Cartesian acceleration must be activated in the machine data: \$ACC\_CAR\_STOP = TRUE (variable in the file ...R1\Mada\\$machine.dat)

If the monitoring is active, the manipulator stops with a STOP 2 if the maximum permissible acceleration is exceeded. Additionally, the acknowledgement message *Maximum Cartesian acceleration exceeded* is displayed.

## 3.7 \$ACC\_CAR\_MAX

#### **Description**

Maximum Cartesian acceleration

The variable of structure type ACC\_CAR saves the value of the highest magnitude that the Cartesian acceleration \$ACC\_CAR\_ACT reaches:

- X, Y, Z: Cartesian acceleration for X, Y, Z in [m/s²]
- A, B, C: Cartesian acceleration for A, B, C in [°/s²]. This acceleration is not evaluated.
- ABS: Overall Cartesian acceleration in the XYZ space in [m/s²] (absolute value of the acceleration in X, Y, Z)

#### **Example**

The variable can be set to zero in the KRL program in order to determine the maximum values.

\$ACC CAR MAX={X 0.0, Y 0.0, Z 0.0, A 0.0, B 0.0, C 0.0, ABS 0.0}

## 3.8 \$ACC\_EXTAX[]

#### **Description**

Acceleration of the external axes in the advance run

The variable contains the planned axis acceleration as a percentage. In the case of motions planned using the dynamic model, the percentage value refers to the axis torque available for acceleration.

If no dynamic model is present, the percentage value refers to the axis rampup time configured in WorkVisual.





Further information about the axis ramp-up time can be found in the documentation **Configuration of Kinematic Systems**.

#### **Syntax**

\$ACC EXTAX [ Axis number] = Acceleration

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Axis number	Type: INT
	<b>1 6</b> : External axis E1 E6
Acceleration	Type: INT; unit: %
	<b>1</b> 100

## 3.9 \$ACC\_EXTAX\_C[]

## Description

Acceleration of the external axes in the main run

The variable contains the axis acceleration of the motion currently being executed as a percentage value. In the case of motions planned using the dynamic model, the percentage value refers to the axis torque available for acceleration.

If no dynamic model is present, the percentage value refers to the axis rampup time configured in WorkVisual.



Further information about the axis ramp-up time can be found in the documentation **Configuration of Kinematic Systems**.



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

#### **Syntax**

\$ACC EXTAX C[Axis number] = Acceleration

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Axis number	Type: INT
	■ 1 6: External axis E1 E6
Acceleration	Type: INT; unit: %
	<b>1</b> 100

## 3.10 \$ACCU\_STATE

#### **Description**

Result of the battery test

The variable can be used to display the result of the battery test or the result of monitoring of the charging current.



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

#### **Syntax**

\$ACCU STATE=Result



## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Result	Type: ENUM
	#CHARGE_OK: The battery test was positive.
	#CHARGE_OK_LOW: The battery test was positive but the battery was still not fully charged after the maximum charging time.
	#CHARGE_UNKNOWN: The battery is being charged but the charging current has not yet dropped sufficient- ly. The battery test has not yet been carried out.
	#CHARGE_TEST_NOK: The battery test was negative.
	#CHARGE_NOK: A battery test is not possible. The battery was still not fully charged after the maximum charging time.
	#CHARGE_OFF: No charging current. Either there is no battery present or the battery is defective.

## 3.11 \$ACT\_ADVANCE

## **Description**

Number of motion blocks currently planned in the main run

The maximum possible number of planned motion blocks depends on \$AD-VANCE (default: 3).



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

#### **Syntax**

\$ACT ADVANCE=Number

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Number	Type: INT
	<b>1</b> 5
	Default: 1 3

#### 3.12 \$ADVANCE

#### **Description**

Maximum number of motion instructions in the advance run

The variable is used to define the maximum number of motion instructions that the robot controller can calculate and plan in advance. The actual number of motion instructions calculated in advance is dependent on the capacity of the computer.

The advance run refers to the current position of the block pointer. The advance run is required, for example, in order to be able to calculate approximate positioning motions.

## **Syntax**

\$ADVANCE=Number

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Number	Type: INT
	<b>1</b> 5
	Default: 3



## 3.13 **\$ACT\_EX\_AX**

**Description** Number of the current external BASE kinematic system

Syntax \$ACT EX AX=Kinematic system number

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Kinematic system	Type: INT
number	<b>1</b> 6

## 3.14 \$ACT\_BASE

**Description** Number of the current BASE coordinate system in the advance run

**Syntax** \$ACT BASE=Base number

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Base number	Type: INT
	<b>1</b> 32
	<b>Note</b> : When selecting or resetting a robot program, the variable is set to the value -1.

## 3.15 \$ACT\_BASE\_C

**Description** Number of the current BASE coordinate system in the main run



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

**Syntax** \$ACT BASE C=Base number

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Base number	Type: INT
	<b>1</b> 32
	<b>Note</b> : When selecting or resetting a robot program, the variable is set to the value -1.

## 3.16 \$ACT\_TOOL

**Description** Number of the current TOOL coordinate system in the advance run

Syntax \$ACT\_TOOL=Tool number

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Tool number	Type: INT
	<b>1</b> 16

## 3.17 \$ACT\_TOOL\_C

**Description** Number of the current TOOL coordinate system in the main run





The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

**Syntax** 

\$ACT TOOL C=Tool number

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Tool number	Type: INT
	<b>1</b> 16

## 3.18 \$ANIN[]

#### **Description**

Voltage at the analog inputs

The variable indicates the input voltage, standardized to a range between -1.0 and +1.0. The actual voltage depends on the device settings of the relevant analog module (scaling factor).



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

#### **Syntax**

\$ANIN [Input number] = Voltage

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Input number	Type: INT
	<b>1</b> 32
Voltage	Type: REAL
	<b>-1.0 +1.0</b>

## 3.19 **\$ANOUT[]**

## **Description**

Voltage at the analog outputs

The variable can be used to set an analog voltage limited to values between - 1.0 and +1.0. The actual voltage generated depends on the analog module used (scaling factor).

If an attempt is made to set voltages outside the valid range of values, the message *Limit* {*Signal name*} is displayed.

#### **Syntax**

\$ANOUT [ Output number] = Voltage

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Output	Type: INT
number	<b>1</b> 32
Voltage	Type: REAL
	<b>-1.0 +1.0</b>

#### 3.20 \$APO

#### **Description**

Approximation parameters in the advance run

This variable is used to define the approximation distance.



#### **Syntax**

\$APO={CVEL Velocity, CPTP DisPTP, CDIS DisCP, CORI Orientation}

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description		
CVEL	Type: INT; unit: %		
	Velocity parameter		
	<b>1</b> 100		
	The approximation parameter specifies the percentage of the programmed velocity at which the approximate posi- tioning process is started, at the earliest, in the decelera- tion phase towards the end point.		
CPTP	Type: INT; unit: %		
	Approximation distance for PTP and PTP spline motions (= furthest distance before the end point at which approximate positioning can begin)		
	<b>1</b> 100		
	Explanation of the approximation parameter: (>>> "CPTP" Page 22)		
	<b>Note</b> : PTP spline motions (SPTP) can be programmed in KUKA System Software 8.3 or higher.		
CDIS	Type: REAL; unit: mm		
	distance parameter		
	Approximation starts, at the earliest, when the distance to the end point falls below the value specified here.		
CORI	Type: REAL; unit: °		
	Orientation parameter		
	Approximation starts, at the earliest, when the dominant orientation angle (rotation or swiveling of the longitudinal axis of the tool) falls below the angle distance to the end point specified here.		

#### **CPTP**

The approximation parameter CPTP has a different effect depending on whether a PTP or a PTP spline motion (SPTP) is programmed.

In the case of a PTP motion, the percentage value specified for CPTP refers to an axis angle defined by \$APO\_DIS\_PTP in the machine data (variable in the file ...R1\Mada\\$machine.dat). As soon as the axis angle of all axes has fallen below the approximation distance thus defined, approximate positioning is carried out.

The approximate positioning, however, is not started until 50% of the block length has been reached. This means that approximation starts, at the earliest, when half the distance between the start point and the end point relative to the contour of the PTP motion without approximation has been covered.



Further information about the variable \$APO\_DIS\_PTP can be found in the documentation **Configuration of Kinematic Systems**.

This 50% limitation also applies to approximate positioning between 2 individual SPTP motions. In the case of approximate positioning between PTP splines that are programmed as one of several segments in spline blocks, the earliest point at which approximate positioning may be started is not defined. The approximate positioning starts as defined by CPTP.



- In the case of approximate positioning between PTP splines, the percentage value specified by CPTP refers to the sum of the following distances:
  - Distance of the last spline segment in the first spline block
  - Distance of the first spline segment in the subsequent spline block covered by all robot axes and mathematically coupled external axes in the axis space.

### 3.21 \$APO\_C

#### Description

Approximation parameters in the main run

The variable contains the current approximation distance.



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

**Syntax** 

\$APO C={CVEL Velocity, CPTP DisPTP, CDIS DisCP, CORI Orientation}

Explanation of the syntax

(>>> 3.20 "\$APO" Page 21)

#### 3.22 **\$AXIS ACT**

#### **Description**

Current axis-specific setpoint position of the robot

The variable of structure type E6AXIS contains the current axis angles or axis positions.

- A1 ... A6: Setpoint position of the robot axes in [°] or [mm]
- E1 ... E6: Setpoint position of the external axes in [°] or [mm]

In the robot program, the variable triggers an advance run stop.

#### **Example**

\$AXIS\_ACT={A1 0.0,A2 -90.0,A3 90.0,A4 0.0,A5 0.0,A6 0.0,E1 250.0,E2 0.0,E3 0.0,E4 0.0,E5 0.0,E6 0.0}

## 3.23 \$AXIS\_ACT\_MEAS

#### **Description**

Current axis-specific actual position of the robot

The variable of structure type E6AXIS contains the current axis angles or axis positions.

- **A1** ... **A6**: Actual position of the robot axes in [°] or [mm]
- **E1** ... **E6**: Actual position of the external axes in [°] or [mm]

Unlike \$AXIS\_ACT, which contains the setpoint positions, this variable always delivers the current actual axis angles of the drive.

## 3.24 \$AXIS\_BACK

## **Description**

Axis-specific start position of the current motion block

The variable of structure type E6AXIS contains the axis angles or axis positions at the start position.

- A1 ... A6: Axis position of the robot axes in [°] or [mm]
- E1 ... E6: Axis position of the external axes in [°] or [mm]

\$AXIS\_BACK can be used to execute a PTP motion to return to the start position of an interrupted motion instruction. \$AXIS\_BACK corresponds to the



beginning of the window for an interruption within the approximation window and to the end of the window for an interruption after the approximation window.

The variable is write-protected. In the robot program, the variable triggers an advance run stop.

#### **Example**

#### Approximated PTP motion



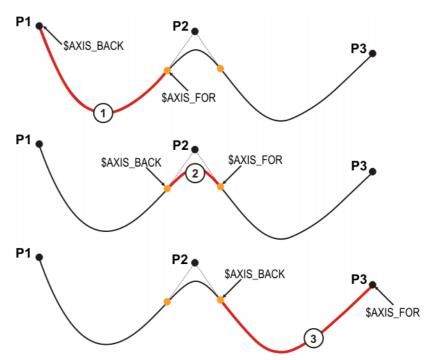


Fig. 3-1: \$AXIS\_BACK, \$AXIS\_FOR - P2 is approximated

1 Single block

- 3 Following block
- 2 Intermediate block

#### 3.25 **\$AXIS FOR**

#### **Description**

Axis-specific target position of the current motion block

The variable of structure type E6AXIS contains the axis angles or axis positions at the target position.

- A1 ... A6: Axis position of the robot axes in [°] or [mm]
- **E1** ... **E6**: Axis position of the external axes in [°] or [mm]

\$AXIS\_FOR can be used to execute a PTP motion to the target position of an interrupted motion instruction. \$AXIS\_FOR corresponds to the end of the window for an interruption within the approximation window and to the beginning of the window for an interruption before the approximation window.

The variable is write-protected. In the robot program, the variable triggers an advance run stop.

#### Example

(>>> 3.24 "\$AXIS\_BACK" Page 23)



## 3.26 **\$AXIS\_INT**

#### Description

Axis-specific robot position in the case of an interrupt

The variable of structure type E6AXIS contains the axis angles or axis positions at the time of the interrupt.

- A1 ... A6: Axis position of the robot axes in [°] or [mm]
- E1 ... E6: Axis position of the external axes in [°] or [mm]

\$AXIS\_INT can be used to return to the axis-specific position at which an interrupt was triggered by means of a PTP motion.

The variable is write-protected and is only admissible in an interrupt program. In the interrupt program, the variable triggers an advance run stop.

## 3.27 **\$AXIS\_MOT**

## **Description**

Current motor-specific robot position

The variable of structure type E6AXIS contains the current motor axis positions.

- A1 ... A6: Motor angle of the robot axes in [°]
- **E1** ... **E6**: Motor angle of the external axes in [°]

## 3.28 **\$AXIS\_RET**

#### **Description**

Axis-specific robot position when leaving the path

The variable of structure type E6AXIS contains the axis angles or axis positions at the time that the programmed path was left.

- **A1** ... **A6**: Axis position of the robot axes in [°] or [mm]
- E1 ... E6: Axis position of the external axes in [°] or [mm]

When the robot is stationary, \$AXIS\_RET can be used to return to the axisspecific position at which the path was left by means of a PTP motion. The variable is write-protected.

## 3.29 \$B\_IN[]

**Description** 

Value of a binary input

**Syntax** 

\$B\_IN [Input number] = Value

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description	
Input number	Type: INT	
	<b>1</b> 64	
Value	Type: INT	
	The range of values depends on the configuration of the binary input \$BIN_IN[] in the machine data (variable in the fileSTEU\Mada\\$custom.dat).	

### 3.30 \$B\_OUT[]

**Description** Value of a binary output

**Syntax** \$B OUT [ Output number] = Value

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Output number	Type: INT
namber	<b>1</b> 64
Value	Type: INT
	The range of values depends on the configuration of the binary output \$BIN_OUT[] in the machine data (variable in the fileSTEU\Mada\\$custom.dat).

#### Example

Configuration of a binary output in \$CUSTOM.DAT:

```
$BIN_OUT[3] = {F_BIT 3, LEN 5, PARITY #EVEN}
```

This example configuration can be used to write values with a bit width of 5, starting from bit 3, with even parity.

Element	Description		
F_BIT	Type: INT		
	First bit – number of the first bit for which values can be set		
LEN	Type: INT		
	Bit width – number of bits for the values to be set		
PARITY	Type: ENUM		
	Parity bit		
	#NONE: no parity		
	#EVEN: even parity		
	#ODD: odd parity		

#### 3.31 **\$BASE**

### **Description**

BASE coordinate system in the advance run

The variable of structure type FRAME defines the setpoint position of the workpiece in relation to the WORLD coordinate system.

- X, Y, Z: Offset of the origin along the axes in [mm]
- A, B, C: Rotational offset of the axis angles in [°]

## 3.32 \$BASE\_C

## **Description**

BASE coordinate system in the main run

The variable of structure type FRAME defines the current actual position of the workpiece in relation to the WORLD coordinate system.

- X, Y, Z: Offset of the origin along the axes in [mm]
- A, B, C: Rotational offset of the axis angles in [°]



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

## 3.33 **\$BASE\_KIN[]**

#### **Description**

Information about the external BASE kinematic system

The variable contains the name of the external kinematic system and a list of the external axes contained in the transformation. The name and the external



axes contained in the transformation are defined in the machine data, e.g. \$ET1\_NAME and \$ET1\_AX.



Information about the individual machine data can be found in the documentation **Configuration of Kinematic Systems**.

**Syntax** 

\$BASE KIN[]="Information"

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description	
Information	Type: CHAR	
	Name and external axes of the transformation: max. 29 characters	

#### 3.34 \$BRAKE\_SIG

**Description** 

Bit array for reading the brake signals

The variable can be used to display the state of the axis brakes (open or closed).

**Syntax** 

\$BRAKE SIG=Bit array

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description	
Bit array	■ Bit n = 0: Brake is closed.	
	■ Bit n = 1: Brake is open.	

Bit	n	11	5	4	3	2	1	0
Ax	is	E6	A6	A5	A4	A3	A2	A1

#### Example

\$BRAKE\_SIG='B1000000'

The brakes of robot axes A1 to A6 are closed. The brake of external axis E1 is open.

## 3.35 \$CIRC\_MODE

#### **Description**

Behavior of the orientation control and external axis guidance at the auxiliary point and end point of a SCIRC circle

During SCIRC motions, the robot controller can take the programmed orientation of the auxiliary point into consideration. \$CIRC\_MODE can be used to define whether and to what extent it is taken into consideration.

In the case of SCIRC statements with circular angles, \$CIRC\_MODE can also be used to define whether the end point is to have the programmed orientation or whether the orientation is to be scaled according to the circular angle.

\$CIRC\_MODE can only be written to by means of an SCIRC statement. \$CIRC\_MODE cannot be read.

## Syntax

For auxiliary points:

\$CIRC\_MODE.AUX\_PT.ORI=BehaviorAUX

For end points:

\$CIRC MODE.TARGET PT.ORI=BehaviorEND

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description	
BehaviorAUX	Type: ENUM	
	#INTERPOLATE: The programmed orientation is accepted at the auxiliary point.	
	#IGNORE: The transition from the start orientation to the end orientation is carried out over the shortest pos- sible distance. The programmed orientation of the aux- iliary point is disregarded.	
	#CONSIDER: The transition from the start orientation to the end orientation passes through the programmed ori- entation of the auxiliary point, i.e. the orientation of the auxiliary point is given at some point during the transi- tion, but not necessarily at the auxiliary point.	
	Default: #CONSIDER	
BehaviorEND	Type: ENUM	
	#INTERPOLATE: The programmed orientation of the end point is accepted at the actual end point.	
	(Only possibility for SCIRC without specification of circular angle. If #EXTRAPOLATE is set, #INTERPOLATE is nonetheless executed.)	
	#EXTRAPOLATE: The programmed orientation is accepted at the programmed end point. The orientation at the actual end point is scaled according to the circular angle.	
	Default for SCIRC with specification of circular angle: #EXTRAPOLATE	

#### Restrictions

- If \$ORI\_TYPE = #IGNORE for a SCIRC segment, \$CIRC\_MODE is not evaluated.
- If a SCIRC segment is preceded by a SCIRC or SLIN segment with \$ORI\_TYPE = #IGNORE, #CONSIDER cannot be used in this SCIRC segment.

For SCIRC with circular angle:

- #INTERPOLATE must not be set for the auxiliary point.
- If \$ORI\_TYPE = #IGNORE, #EXTRAPOLATE must not be set for the end point.
- If it is preceded by a spline segment with \$ORI\_TYPE = #IGNORE, #EX-TRAPOLATE must not be set for the end point.

## Example: auxiliary point

The TCP executes an arc with a Cartesian angle of 192°:

- The orientation at the start point is 0°.
- The orientation at the auxiliary point is 98°.
- The orientation at the end point is 197°.

The re-orientation is thus 197° if the auxiliary point is taken into consideration.

If the orientation at the auxiliary point is ignored, the end orientation can also be achieved by means of a re-orientation of  $360^{\circ}$  -  $197^{\circ}$  =  $163^{\circ}$ .

#### #INTERPOLATE:

The programmed orientation of 98° is accepted at the auxiliary point. The re-orientation is thus 197°.

#### #IGNORE:

The programmed orientation of the auxiliary point is disregarded. The shorter re-orientation through 163° is used.



#### **#CONSIDER:**

The route traveled includes the orientation of the auxiliary point, in this case the re-orientation through 197°, i.e. the orientation of 98° is accepted at some point during the transition, but not necessarily at the auxiliary point.

## Example: end point

The example schematically illustrates the behavior of #INTERPOLATE and #EXTRAPOLATE.

- The pale, dotted arrows show the programmed orientation.
- The dark arrows show the actual orientation where this differs from the programmed orientation.

#### **#INTERPOLATE**:

At **TP**, which is situated before **TP\_CA**, the programmed orientation has not yet been reached. The programmed orientation is accepted at **TP\_CA**.

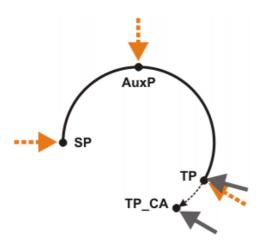


Fig. 3-2: #INTERPOLATE

SP Start point
AuxP Auxiliary point

**TP** Programmed end point

**TP\_CA** Actual end point. Determined by the circular angle.

#### **#EXTRAPOLATE**:

The programmed orientation is accepted at **TP**. For **TP\_CA**, this orientation is scaled in accordance with the circular angle.

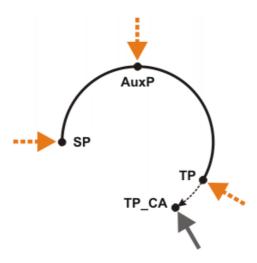


Fig. 3-3: #EXTRAPOLATE

## 3.36 \$CIRC\_TYPE

**Description** Orientation control of CIRC in the advance run

The variable contains the programmed orientation control of a circular motion.

This can be base-related or path-related.

**Syntax** \$CIRC\_TYPE=*Type* 

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description	
Type	Type: ENUM	
	#BASE: Base-related orientation control	
	#PATH: Path-related orientation control	

## 3.37 \$CIRC\_TYPE\_C

## **Description**

Orientation control of CIRC in the main run

The variable contains the orientation control of the circular motion currently being executed. This can be base-related or path-related.



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

**Syntax** 

\$CIRC\_TYPE\_C=Type

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description	
Туре	Type: ENUM	
	#BASE: Base-related orientation control	
	#PATH: Path-related orientation control	

#### 3.38 \$CMD

**Description** Management number (handle) for command channel \$CMD

The CWRITE() function can be used to write statements to the \$CMD com-

mand channel. The variable itself is write-protected.





Detailed information on the CWRITE() command can be found in the CREAD/CWRITE documentation.

**Syntax** 

\$CMD=Number

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Number	Type: INT

## 3.39 \$COULD\_START\_MOTION

#### **Description**

Displays whether robot can be moved

\$COULD\_START\_MOTION specifies whether a program start or jogging is possible. Possible means that no messages that disable active commands are still active.

Besides this, the safety-oriented signals are checked (e.g. motion enable, safety stop, operator safety, enable for jogging). If there are no inhibiting safety-oriented signals or messages still active, \$COULD\_START\_MOTION becomes TRUE and the robot can be moved.



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

**Syntax** 

\$COULD START MOTION=State

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	TRUE: Robot can be moved.
	<ul><li>FALSE: Robot cannot be moved.</li></ul>

## 3.40 **\$CURR\_ACT[]**

**Description** 

Actual current of axes

The variable contains the actual current as a percentage of the maximum amplifier or motor current. The actual current always refers to the lower of the two maximum values. The variable is write-protected.

**Syntax** 

\$CURR ACT [Axis number] = Current

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Axis number	Type: INT
	<b>1 6</b> : Robot axis A1 A6
	<b>7 12</b> : External axis E1 E6
Current	Type: REAL; unit: %
	<b>-100.0 +100.0</b>

#### 3.41 **\$CYCFLAG[]**

**Description** 

Activation of cyclical flags

There are a total of 256 cyclical flags, 64 of which can be activated at the same time.



Cyclical evaluation of cyclical flags can be activated by assigning a Boolean expression in a robot program. Assignment of a Boolean expression in a submit program does not result in cyclical evaluation.

#### **Syntax**

\$CYCFLAG[Number] = Boolean expression

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Number	Type: INT
	<b>1</b> 256
Boolean expression	Type: BOOL
	<ul><li>Boolean expression: Cyclical flag is activated.</li><li>FALSE: Cyclical flag is deactivated.</li></ul>
	Default: FALSE

#### **Example**

Assignment of a Boolean expression in the robot program:

\$CYCFLAG[15] = \$IN[3] OR NOT \$FLAG[7] AND (UserVar > 15)

The assignment causes the expression on the right-hand side to be evaluated cyclically in the background, i.e. as soon as the value of a sub-expression on the right-hand side changes, the value of \$CYCFLAG also changes.

The Boolean expression assigned to the cyclical flag can be overwritten at any time by the robot program or by a trigger assignment. Cyclical processing is stopped as soon as the cyclical flag is assigned the value FALSE.

## 3.42 \$DATA\_EXT\_OBJx

#### **Description**

Counter for data packets received via an external module of type LD EXT OBJ

The variable can be used to monitor whether data are available for reading.



Further information on use of the counter is contained in the CREAD/CWRITE documentation.

#### **Syntax**

\$DATA LD EXT OBJ*Index=Number* 

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description	
Index	Type: INT  Number of the data channel	
	<b>1</b> 2	
Number	Type: INT	
	Number of data packets received via the channel	

#### 3.43 \$DATA\_INTEGRITY

#### **Description**

Check of data consistency for input and output signals

The variable is relevant when signals are transferred in groups; it has a different effect on inputs and ouputs:

- With inputs, it is ensured that the I/O map does not change when a signal is read.
- With outputs, it is checked whether a signal is mapped onto a single device I/O block.





The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

**Syntax** 

\$DATA INTEGRITY=State

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	Check of data consistency for input and output signals
	TRUE: Check is activated.
	FALSE: Check is not activated.
	Default: TRUE

#### 3.44 **\$DATAPATH[]**

#### **Description**

Extended compiler search path

Using the variable correction function, variables from the kernel system of the robot can be read and displayed. In order to display a runtime variable via the variable correction function, the compiler search path must be extended to the current program or the current interpreter environment. The name of the program is specified with \$DATAPATH[].

**Syntax** 

\$DATAPATH[]="Name"

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Name	Type: CHAR
	Program name: max. 32 characters

### **Example**

#### Program: PALLETIZING.SRC

```
DEF Palletizing()
REAL Position
Position = 5.5
Pallet = 9.9
UP()
END

DEF UP()
REAL Start
Start = 1.1
END
```

#### Data lists: PALLETIZING.DAT and \$CONFIG.DAT

```
DEFDAT Palletizing
REAL Origin = 7.7
ENDDAT

DEFDAT $CONFIG
REAL Pallet
ENDDAT
```

## Case 1: The search path is extended to the program PALLETIZING.SRC.

```
$DATAPATH[] = "Palletizing"
...
```



If the program PALLETIZING.SRC is not selected, only the runtime variables of the program that are declared in the associated data list or in \$CON-FIG.DAT can be displayed using the variable correction function (Origin, Pallet).

Case 2: The search path is extended to the current interpreter environment.

```
...

$DATAPATH[] = "."

...
```

If the program PALLETIZING.SRC is not selected, all the runtime variables of the program, including the associated subprograms, can be displayed using the variable correction function (Position, Pallet, Start, Origin).

If the program PALLETIZING.SRC is selected, only the runtime variables declared in the program can be displayed using the variable correction function (Position).

#### 3.45 \$DATE

**Description** System time and system date

Syntax SDATE={CSEC ms, SEC s, MIN min, HOUR h, DAY DD, MONTH MM, YEAR

YYYY}

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
_	Type: INT (all components)

## 3.46 \$DEACTIVATE\_ABS\_ACCUR

**Description** Deactivation of the positionally accurate robot model

The variable can be used to temporarily deactivate a positionally accurate ro-

bot model backed up on the RDC (only for test purposes).

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	<ul> <li>TRUE: The positionally accurate robot model saved on the RDC is deactivated. After a cold start of the robot controller, the variable is automatically FALSE again.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>FALSE: The positionally accurate robot model saved on the RDC is activated.</li> </ul>
	Default: FALSE

## 3.47 **\$DEVICE**

**Description** Operating state of the connected teach pendant

Syntax \$DEVICE=State



## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: ENUM
	#ACTIVE: The teach pendant is active.
	#BLOCK: The teach pendant is blocked, e.g. by error messages.
	#PASSIVE: The teach pendant is passive, e.g. if the ro- bot controller is operated by an external PLC in Auto- matic External mode.
	<b>Note</b> : In operating modes T1 and T2, the teach pendant is always #ACTIVE.

#### 3.48 \$DISTANCE

#### **Description**

Arc length of a CP motion

The variable can be used to evaluate a function relative to the path. At the start of a CP motion and a PTP-CP approximate positioning motion, the variable is set to the value zero.

Type: REAL; unit: mm



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

## 3.49 \$DIST\_LAST - KUKA System Software 8.3 and higher

#### **Description**

Length of the path from the current TCP position to the previous taught point

Type: REAL. Unit:

- For CP motions (spline and conventional): mm
- For SPTP motions: No unit



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

Use

- \$DIST\_LAST cannot be used for PTP motions. The value is always zero in this case.
- \$DIST\_LAST can be used as an aid for programming PATH triggers with ONSTART. Further information about this is contained in the Operating and Programming Instructions for System Integrators.

### 3.50 \$DIST\_NEXT

#### **Description**

Length of the path from the current TCP position to the next taught point

Type: REAL. Unit:

- For CP motions (spline and conventional): mm
- For SPTP motions (KUKA System Software 8.3 and higher): No unit



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

Use

\$DIST\_NEXT cannot be used for PTP motions. The value is always zero in this case.



 \$DIST\_NEXT can be used as an aid for programming PATH triggers with ONSTART. Further information about this is contained in the Operating and Programming Instructions for System Integrators.

#### 3.51 \$DRIVES\_ENABLE

**Description** Switching drives on/off

Syntax \$DRIVES\_ENABLE=State

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	TRUE: Switches the drives on.
	FALSE: Switches the drives off.

## 3.52 \$ECO\_LEVEL - KUKA System Software 8.3 and higher

#### Description

Energy saving mode

The system variable \$ECO\_LEVEL can be used to operate the robot in energy saving mode. The degree of energy saving can be set to "Low", "Middle" or "High". Energy saving mode causes the robot axes and external axes to move more slowly. The higher the saving, the lower the velocity. How much energy is saved relative to full power depends primarily on the axis positions and cannot be predicted.

\$ECO\_LEVEL does not affect all motions. The following table indicates which motions it affects and which it does not:

Motion	Effect?
PTP	Yes
LIN	No
CIRC	No
CP spline motions (block and individual motion)	Yes
With higher motion profile	
CP spline motions (block and individual motion)	No
Without higher motion profile	
PTP spline motions (block and individual motion)	Yes

If a program is reset or deselected, energy saving mode is automatically deactivated.

Energy saving mode is inactive in the following cases, even if it has been activated:

- In the case of a BCO run
- In a constant velocity range with spline
- In a time block with spline

If low values have already been programmed for acceleration and velocity, \$ECO\_LEVEL has little or no effect.

Depending on the robot type, the savings may be the same, or virtually the same, for both "Middle" and "High" (e.g. with a payload below 30% of the default payload).

#### Precondition

- \$ADAP\_ACC <> #NONE
- \$OPT MOVE <> #NONE



The default setting for both system variables is <> #NONE.

**Syntax** 

\$ECO LEVEL=Level

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description			
Level	Type: ENUM			
	#OFF: Energy saving mode is deactivated.			
	#LOW: Low saving			
	#MIDDLE: Medium saving			
	#HIGH: High saving			

## 3.53 \$ERR

## **Description**

Structure with information about the current program

The variable can be used to evaluate the currently executed program relative to the advance run. For example, the variable can be used to evaluate errors in the program in order to be able to respond to them with a suitable fault service function.

The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

\$ERR exists separately for the robot and submit interpreters. Each interpreter can only access its own variable. \$ERR does not exist for the command interpreter.

Each subprogram level has its own representation of \$ERR. In this way, the information from one level does not overwrite the information from different levels and information can be read from different levels simultaneously.

ON\_ERROR\_PROCEED implicitly deletes the information from \$ERR in the current interpreter and at the current level.

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## **Syntax**

\$ERR=Information

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Information	Type: Error_T
	List with information about the program currently being executed

### Error T

STRUC Error\_T INT number, PROG\_INT\_E interpreter, INT\_TYP\_E int\_type, INT int\_prio, line\_nr, CHAR module[24], up name[24], TRIGGER UP TYPE trigger type

Element	Description				
number	Only in the event of a runtime error: Message number				
interpreter	If no error has occurred, the value zero is displayed.  Current interpreter				
	The component can take the following values, regardless of whether the robot controller is operated in Single Subm mode (default operating mode) or in Multi-Submit mode (only possible with KUKA System Software 8.3 and higher).				
	Robot controller in Single Submit mode:				
	#R_INT: Robot interpreter				
	#S_INT: Submit interpreter				
	Robot controller in Multi-Submit mode:				
	#R_INT: Robot interpreter				
	#S_INT: System submit interpreter				
	#EXT_S_INT1: Extended submit interpreter 1				
	#EXT_S_INT2: Extended submit interpreter 2				
	•				
to the same	#EXT_S_INT7: Extended submit interpreter 7				
int_type	Current program type and interrupt state				
	#I_NORMAL: The program is not an interrupt program.				
	#I_INTERRUPT: The program is an interrupt program.				
	#I_STOP_INTERRUPT: Interrupt by means of \$STOPMESS (error stop)				
int_prio	Priority of the interrupt				
line_nr	Only in the event of a runtime error: Number of the line that triggered the error				
	<b>Note</b> : The number does not generally correspond to the line number in the smartHMI program editor! In order to understand the numbering, open the program with a simple editor and do not count lines that start with "&".				
	If no error has occurred, the value zero is displayed.				
module[]	Name of the current program				
up_name[]	Name of the current subprogram				
trigger_type	Context in which the trigger belonging to a subprogram was triggered				
	#TRG_NONE: The subprogram is not a trigger subprogram.				
	<ul><li>#TRG_REGULAR: The trigger subprogram was switched during forward motion.</li></ul>				
	<ul><li>#TRG_BACKWARD: The trigger subprogram was switched during backward motion.</li></ul>				
	#TRG_RESTART: The trigger subprogram was switched on switching back to forward motion.				
	#TRG_REPLAY: The trigger subprogram was switched repeatedly after backward motion.				
	<b>Note</b> : This component is available in KUKA System Software 8.3 or higher.				



## 3.53.1 ON\_ERROR\_PROCEED

## Description

ON\_ERROR\_PROCEED can be used to suppress a runtime error message triggered by the following program line. The robot controller skips the statement that triggers the error and fills the system variable \$ERR with information about the error.

(>>> 3.53 "\$ERR" Page 37)

Messages about internal errors or system errors cannot be suppressed.

ON\_ERROR\_PROCEED always applies to the following line, even if this is a blank line! Exception: If the following line contains the statement CONTINUE, ON\_ERROR\_PROCEED applies to the line after.

If the line after ON\_ERROR\_PROCEED is a subprogram call, the statement then refers to the call itself, and not to the first line of the subprogram.

## \$ERR, ERR\_RAISE()

\$ERR and ERR\_RAISE() are important tools when working with ON\_ERROR\_PROCEED.

The function ERR\_RAISE() can subsequently generate a suppressed runtime error message. It can only process the system variable \$ERR or a variable derived from \$ERR as an OUT parameter.

## Limitations

ON ERROR PROCEED has no effect on motion statements:

SPLINE/ENDPLINE; PTP\_SPLINE/ENDSPLINE; PTP; LIN; CIRC; PTP\_REL; LIN\_REL; CIRC\_REL; ASYPTP; ASYSTOP; ASYCONT; ASYCANCEL; MOVE EMI

ON\_ERROR\_PROCEED has no effect on the following control structures:

FOR/ENDFOR; GOTO; IF/ELSE/ENDIF; LOOP/ENDLOOP; REPEAT/UNTIL; SKIP/ENDSKIP; SWITCH/CASE/DEFAULT/ENDSWITCH; WHILE/END-WHILE

## **Syntax**

ON\_ERROR\_PROCEED

### **Examples**

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## ON\_ERROR\_PROCEED with CONTINUE:

```
ON_ERROR_PROCEED
CONTINUE
$OUT[1]=TRUE
```

```
CONTINUE
ON_ERROR_PROCEED
$OUT[1]=TRUE
```

The effect of both sequences of statements is identical. In both examples, ON\_ERROR\_PROCEED and CONTINUE act on \$OUT[1]=TRUE.

## 3.53.2 Examples of \$ERR, ON\_ERROR\_PROCEED and ERR\_RAISE()

### **Example 1**

If you do not wish to suppress all possible runtime error messages, but only specific ones, this distinction can be made using SWITCH ... ENDSWITCH. In this example, only message 1422 is suppressed. Any other runtime error messages would be displayed.

```
1 DEF myProg ()
2 DECL E6POS myPos
3 INI
4 ON ERROR PROCEED
```

```
5 myPos = $POS_INT
6 SWITCH ($ERR.NUMBER)
7 CASE 0
8 CASE 1422
      ;program fault service function if required
9
10 DEFAULT
11 ERR_RAISE ($ERR)
12 ENDSWITCH
13 END
```

Line	Description
4, 5	Line 5 triggers the message 1422 {\$variable} value invalid (unless the program is called by an interrupt).
	ON_ERROR_PROCEED in the preceding line suppresses the error message.
6 12	Differentiation dependent on \$ERR.NUMBER
7	If no error occurred in line 5, \$ERR.NUMBER==0. In this case, no action is required.
8, 9	If message 1422 has been triggered, \$ERR.NUMBER==1422. If required, a fault service function can be programmed.
10, 11	If a message other than 1422 was triggered, this message is now (subsequently) generated via ERR_RAISE.

#### Example 2 This example illustrates that each program level has its own representation of \$ERR.

```
1 DEF myMainProg ()
2 INT myVar, myVar2
3 INI
4 ON_ERROR_PROCEED
5 mySubProg (myVar)
6 HALT
7 \text{ myVar2} = 7
8 mySubProg (myVar2)
9 END
10 DEF mySubProg (myTest:IN)
11 INT myTest
12 HALT
13 END
```

Line	Description
4, 5	Line 5 triggers the message 1422 <i>(\$variable)</i> value invalid because myVar is not initialized and can thus not be transferred to a subprogram.
	ON_ERROR_PROCEED in the preceding line suppresses the error message.



Line	Description		
6	If \$ERR is read here using the variable correction function, the following components have the following values:		
	\$ERR.number == 1422		
	\$ERR.line_nr == 15		
	\$ERR.module[] == "MYMAINPROG"		
	\$ERR.up_name[] == "MYMAINPROG"		
12	If \$ERR is read here in the subprogram using the variable correction function, the following components have the following values:		
	\$ERR.number == 0		
	\$ERR.line_nr == 0		
	\$ERR.module[] == "MYMAINPROG"		
	\$ERR.up_name[] == "MYSUBPROG"		
	This clearly indicates that \$ERR always has the information from the current level (from the subprogram MySubProg in this case). The information from MyMainProg, on the other hand, is unknown.		

## Example 3

This example also shows that each program level has its own representation of \$ERR. The example also shows how the \$ERR information can be transferred to a different level.

```
1 DEF myMainProg2 ()
2 INI
3 ON ERROR PROCEED
4 $OUT[-10] = TRUE
5 myHandleErr ($ERR, $ERR)
6 END
7 DEF myHandleErr (inErr:IN, outErr:OUT)
8 DECL Error T inErr, outErr
9 ON_ERROR_PROCEED
10 $OV_PRO=100/0
11 ERR_RAISE($ERR)
12 ERR RAISE (outErr)
13 ERR_RAISE(inErr)
14 END
```

Line	Description			
3, 4	Line 4 triggers the message 1444 Array index inadmissible.			
	ON_ERROR_PROCEED in the preceding line suppresses the error message.			
5, 7	The contents of \$ERR are transferred to a subprogram twice: once as an IN parameter and once as an OUT parameter.			
9, 10	Line 10 triggers the message 1451 Division by 0.			
	ON_ERROR_PROCEED in the preceding line suppresses the error message.			
11	ERR_RAISE(\$ERR) generates the message from line 10, and not that from line 4.			
	\$ERR always has the information from the current level. In this case, from the subprogram myHandleErr.			

Line	Description
12	ERR_RAISE(outErr) generates the message from line 4 of the main program, as outErr is a reference to \$ERR in the main program.
13	ERR_RAISE(inErr) is not permissible and thus triggers the message 1451 {(Variable name)} invalid argument.
	ERR_RAISE can only process \$ERR or an OUT variable derived from \$ERR.

## **Example 4**

\$ERR can be used not only for error treatment, but also to determine the current surroundings.

In this example, a parameter is transferred to a subprogram from both a robot program and a submit program. In the subprogram, the system determines which interpreter the parameter came from. The action that is carried out depends on the result.

## Robot program:

```
DEF Main ()
mySUB (55)
. . .
END
```

### Submit program:

```
DEF SPS ()
LOOP
  mySUB (33)
ENDLOOP
. . .
END
```

## Subprogram:

```
GLOBAL DEF mySUB (par:IN)
INT par
TNT
IF ($ERR.INTERPRETER==#R INT) THEN
  $OUT C[par] = TRUE
  ELSE
  $OUT[par] = TRUE
ENDIF
END
```

#### 3.54 **\$EX AX IGNORE**

## **Description**

\$EX\_AX\_IGNORE can only be used in the WITH line of spline segments.

Each bit of \$EX AX IGNORE corresponds to an external axis number. If a specific bit is set to the value "1", the robot controller ignores the taught or programmed position of this external axis at the end point of the segment. Instead, the robot controller calculates the optimal position for this point on the basis of the surrounding external axis positions.





Recommendation: Whenever no specific position of the external axis is required for a point, use \$EX\_AX\_IGNORE and set the bit for that external axis to the value "1". This reduces the cycle time.

In the program run modes MSTEP and ISTEP, the robot stops at the positions calculated by the robot controller.

In the case of a block selection to a point with "\$EX\_AX\_IGNORE = Bit n = 1", the robot adopts the position calculated by the robot controller.

"\$EX AX IGNORE = Bit n = 1" is not allowed for the following segments:

- For the first segment in a spline block (only up to KUKA System Software 8.2)
- For the last segment in a spline block
- In the case of successive segments with identical Cartesian end points, "\$EX\_AX\_IGNORE = Bit n = 1" is not allowed for the first and last segments. (only up to and including KUKA System Software 8.2)

From KUKA System Software 8.3 onwards: If \$EX\_AX\_IGNORE is programmed for an SPTP segment and the external axis concerned is mathematically coupled, the robot controller rejects \$EX\_AX\_IGNORE. The taught or programmed position of that axis is taken into consideration. In T1/T2, the robot controller generates the following message: Reject \$EX\_AX\_IGNORE in line {Block number} because {External axis number} is mathematically coupled.

## **Syntax**

\$EX AX IGNORE=Bit array

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description		
Bit array	Bit n = 1: Taught/programmed position of the external axis is ignored.		
	■ <b>Bit n = 0</b> : Taught/programmed position of the external axis is taken into consideration.		

Bit n	5	4	3	2	1	0
Axis	E6	E5	E4	E3	E2	E1

## **Example**

```
SPLINE

SPL P1

SPL P2

SLIN P3 WITH $EX_AX_IGNORE = 'B000001'

SPL P4

ENDSPLINE
```

For P3, the robot controller ignores the taught position of external axis E1.

## 3.55 \$FAST\_MEAS\_COUNT[]

## Description

Counter for fast measurement

The variable can be used to poll the number of edges detected at the inputs for fast measurement since the last reset of the counter.

## **Syntax**

\$FAST MEAS COUNT[Index]=Number



# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description			
Index	Type: INT			
	Number of the input for fast measurement			
	<b>1</b> 8			
Number	Type: INT			
	Number of measurements			

## 3.56 \$FAST\_MEAS\_COUNT\_RESET

**Description** Reset of the counter for fast measurement

The variable can be used to reset the counter \$FAST\_MEAS\_COUNT[] and the corresponding time stamp \$FAST\_MEAS\_COUNT\_TIME[] to zero.

Syntax \$FAST MEAS COUNT RESET=Reset

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description			
Reset	Type: BOOL			
	TRUE: Resets counter and time stamp.			
	FALSE: Reset is not active.			
	Default: FALSE			

## 3.57 \$FAST\_MEAS\_COUNT\_TIME[]

**Description** Time stamp of the counter for fast measurement

The variable contains the time stamp of the most recently requested values of the counter \$FAST\_MEAS\_COUNT[]. The variable is write-protected.

**Syntax** \$FAST MEAS COUNT TIME [Index] = Time stamp

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Index	Type: INT
	Number of the input for fast measurement
	<b>18</b>
Time stamp	Type: REAL

## 3.58 **\$FILTER**

**Description** Programmed smooth ramp in the advance run

The variable can be used to set the filter value for motions in the robot program. The filter prevents an abrupt increase to the maximum acceleration value. (Jerk is limited.) The motion time of a motion instruction is extended by the value of \$FILTER. The value is always a multiple of (IPO cycle - 1).

Syntax \$FILTER=Filter value



# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Filter value	Type: INT; unit: ms
	0: Filter is deactivated.
	<b>1</b> 851
	Default: 150

## 3.59 **\$FILTER\_C**

## **Description**

Currently valid smooth ramp in the main run

The variable displays the currently valid filter value for motions.



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

### **Syntax**

\$FILTER C=Filter value

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Filter value	Type: INT; unit: ms
	0: Filter is deactivated.
	<b>1</b> 851
	Default: 150

## 3.60 \$FLAG[]

## **Description**

Management of flags

A Boolean expression can be freely assigned to the variable \$FLAG[] in a robot or submit program. This Boolean expression is only evaluated at the time of assignment.

## **Syntax**

\$FLAG [Number] = Boolean expression

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Number	Type: INT
	<b>1</b> 1,024
Boolean	Type: BOOL
expression	<ul> <li>TRUE, FALSE or other Boolean expression</li> </ul>
	Default: FALSE

## 3.61 \$FOL\_ERROR[]

**Description** Following error of an axis relative to the velocity

**Syntax** \$FOL ERROR [Axis number] = Following error



## **Explanation of** the syntax

Element	Description
Axis number	Type: INT
	<b>1 6</b> : Robot axis A1 A6
	<b>7 12</b> : External axis E1 E6
Following error	Type: REAL; unit: ms

#### **\$FCT CALL** 3.62

### **Description**

Management number (handle) for command channel \$FCT\_CALL

The CWRITE() function can be used to call functions via the \$FCT\_CALL command channel. The variable itself is write-protected.



Detailed information on the CWRITE() command can be found in the CREAD/CWRITE documentation.

## **Syntax**

\$FCT CALL=Number

## **Explanation of** the syntax

Element	Description
Number	Type: INT

#### 3.63 \$GEAR\_JERK[]

## Description

Gear jerk of the axes in the advance run

The variable is used to define the gear jerk of an axis. The gear jerk is specified as a percentage of machine data defined with the dynamic model.

If \$GEAR\_JERK[...] is not initialized at the start of a spline motion, e.g. because the INI line has not been executed, the acknowledgement message Gear jerk not programmed {Axis number} is displayed and program execution is stopped.

## **Syntax**

\$GEAR JERK [ Axis number] = Gear jerk

## **Explanation of** the syntax

Element	Description
Axis number	Type: INT
	<b>1 6</b> : Robot axis A1 A6
	<b>7 12</b> : External axis E1 E6
Gear jerk	Type: INT; unit: %
	<b>1</b> 100

#### 3.64 \$GEAR\_JERK\_C[]

## **Description**

Gear jerk of the axes in the main run

The variable contains the currently valid gear jerk of an axis. The gear jerk is specified as a percentage of machine data defined with the dynamic model.



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

## **Syntax**

\$GEAR\_JERK\_C [ Axis number] = Gear jerk



## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Axis number	Type: INT
	<b>1 6</b> : Robot axis A1 A6
	<b>7 12</b> : External axis E1 E6
Gear jerk	Type: INT; unit: %
	<b>1</b> 100

## 3.65 \$HOLDING\_TORQUE[] – KUKA System Software 8.2 and higher



Further information about torque mode and the use of system variables is contained in the Operating and Programming Instructions for System Integrators.

## Description

Holding torque of an axis (torque mode)

The variable contains the holding torque of an axis calculated from the dynamic model. The holding torque refers to the current actual position of the axis and the current load.

The variable is write-protected. Its value is not dependent on the interpreter. In the robot program, the variable triggers an advance run stop.



If the upper and lower torque limits are set to \$HOLDING\_TORQUE[] for all axes, the robot must remain stationary when the brakes are released.

If this is not the case, i.e. if the robot drifts, the load is not correctly configured.

### **Syntax**

\$HOLDING TORQUE [Axis number] = Holding torque

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Axis number	Type: INT
	<b>1 6</b> : Robot axis A1 A6
	<b>7 12</b> : External axis E1 E6
Holding tor-	Type: REAL; unit: Nm (for linear axes: N)
que	<b>Note</b> : For external axes, the value 0 N is always returned, as there are currently no model data defined for them.

## 3.66 \$HOLDING\_TORQUE\_MAND[] - KUKA System Software 8.2 and higher



Further information about torque mode and the use of system variables is contained in the Operating and Programming Instructions for System Integrators.

## **Description**

Monitoring of the holding torque of an axis (torque mode)

If torque mode is activated with the function SET\_TORQUE\_LIMITS(), monitoring is carried out by default to check whether the holding torque (axes with dynamic model) or zero torque (axes without dynamic model) is in the programmed interval. This permissibility of the limits is only checked at the time of activation.

The purpose of the variable is to prevent unintentionally hazardous programming by means of SET\_TORQUE\_LIMITS(), as for normal applications the potentially dangerous state of allowing less than the holding torque is neither



required nor intentional. Programmers who are aware of the effects and have to use the feature can deactivate the monitoring by writing to the variable. For this, the variable \$HOLDING\_TORQUE\_MAND[] must be set to FALSE immediately before SET\_TORQUE\_LIMITS() and then reset.

**Syntax** 

\$HOLDING TORQUE MAND[Axis number] = State

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Axis number	Type: INT
	<b>1 6</b> : Robot axis A1 A6
	<b>7 12</b> : External axis E1 E6
State	Type: BOOL
	TRUE: Monitoring is activated.
	FALSE: Monitoring is deactivated.
	Default: TRUE

## 3.67 \$HOME[]

**Description** HOME directory of the compiler

**Syntax** \$HOME [] = "Directory"

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Directory	Type: CHAR (max. 3 characters)
	/R1: Robot system 1
	/R2: Robot system 2
	Default: /R1

## 3.68 \$IN[]

**Description** Digital input states

The variable can be used to poll the current state of a digital input in a robot or submit program or via the variable correction function. The variable is write-protected

protected.

**Syntax** \$IN [Input number] = State

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Input number	Type: INT
	■ 1 4 096: KUKA System Software 8.1
	■ 1 8 192: KUKA System Software 8.2 and higher
	<b>Note</b> : The range of values contains the maximum possible number of digital I/Os. The number of digital I/Os actually available can be monitored via \$NUM_IN/\$NUM_OUT.
State	Type: BOOL
	■ TRUE or FALSE

## 3.69 \$INPOSITION

**Description** Positioning window reached – axis in position



## **Syntax**

\$INPOSITION=Bit array

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description	
Bit array	Bit array indicating the axes that have reached the positioning window.	
	■ Bit n = 0: Axis still moving	
	■ Bit n = 1: Axis in the positioning window	

Bit n	12	5	4	3	2	1	0
Axis	E6	A6	A5	A4	A3	A2	A1

## 3.70 \$INTERPRETER

### Overview

Numerous system states can be read, and in many cases also set, via variables. Strictly speaking, these variables exist multiple times – once per interpreter. They are identical in name for all interpreters.

## Examples:

- Program run mode (\$PRO\_MODE)
- Program state (\$PRO\_STATE)
- Data of the process pointer (\$PRO\_IP)
- WAIT FOR statement at which the interpreter is currently waiting (\$WAIT\_FOR[])

When such a variable is accessed, this is always referred automatically to the current interpreter. This is defined by \$INTERPRETER.

## Single Submit mode

A robot controller runs in Single Submit mode by default. This means that 2 tasks run on it simultaneously:

- Robot interpreter
  - The motion programs run in the robot interpreter.
- System submit interpreter

The program SPS.SUB runs via the system submit interpreter. The SPS.SUB program is intended for controller-internal submit tasks.

## Multi-Submit mode

KUKA System Software 8.3 can be used with the KUKA.MultiSubmitInterpreter technology package and the robot controller can be operated in Multi-Submit mode. This means: in addition to the system submit interpreter, there are 7 further submit interpreters available, so-called extended submits. Overall, the following interpreters therefore exist:

- 1 robot interpreter
  - The motion programs run in the robot interpreter.
- 1 system submit interpreter

The program SPS.SUB runs via the system submit interpreter. The SPS.SUB program is intended for controller-internal submit tasks.

7 extended submit interpreters

The extended submits are intended for user-specific submit tasks. Users can create their own SUB programs and assign these to the extended submits.



Further information about the Multi-Submit mode can be found in the **KUKA.MultiSubmitInterpreter** documentation.



## 3.70.1 \$INTERPRETER in Single Submit mode

**Description** Selecting the interpreter

By default, the execution of a selected SUB program is not displayed in the editor. This can be modified by selecting the submit interpreter via the variable \$INTERPRETER. A motion program must be selected at the same time so

that the SUB program is displayed in the editor.

**Syntax** \$INTERPRETER=Interpreter

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Interpreter	Type: INT
	Selecting the interpreter
	0: Submit interpreter
	1: Robot interpreter
	Default: 1

### 3.70.2 \$INTERPRETER in Multi-Submit mode

**Description** Selecting the interpreter

By default, the execution of a selected SUB program is not displayed in the editor. This can be modified by selecting the corresponding submit interpreter (system submit or extended submit) via the variable \$INTERPRETER. A motion program must be selected at the same time so that the SUB program is displayed in the editor.

displayed in the editor.

Syntax \$INTERPRETER=Interpreter

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Interpreter	Type: INT
	Selecting the interpreter
	1: Robot interpreter
	<ul><li>2: System submit interpreter</li></ul>
	<ul><li>3: Extended submit interpreter 1</li></ul>
	<ul><li>4: Extended submit interpreter 2</li></ul>
	•
	<ul><li>9: Extended submit interpreter 7</li></ul>
	Default: 1

## Changed system variables

In Multi-Submit mode, the meaning of certain system variables is changed compared with the Single Submit mode. Other system variables have been added or removed.

Changed system variables:

- \$INTERPRETER
- \$PRO\_STATE0

Represents the state of the group indicator in the status bar. The variable is write-protected.



### \$ERR

\$ERR is a system variable of structure type **Error\_T**. The type **Error\_T** has a component which represents the current interpreter.

In Single Submit mode, only the values #R\_INT and #S\_INT are possible for this component.

For Multi-Submit mode, the range of possible values has been expanded to include the extended submits:

- #EXT\_S\_INT1
- #EXT\_S\_INT7

## Removed system variables

Removed system variables (with the postfix "0"):

- \$PRO IPO
- \$PRO NAMEO[]
- \$PRO\_MODE0
- \$WAIT\_FOR\_ON0
- \$WAIT\_FOR0[]

## **Explanation:**

The states represented by the variables \$PRO\_xxx0 in Single Submit mode are represented in Multi-Submit mode by \$PROG\_INFO[].

The system variables of the same name with the postfix "1" (\$PRO\_IP1, etc.) are retained unchanged.

The variables \$WAIT\_xxx0 have been removed altogether.

## **New system** variable

New system variable:

\$PROG INFO[] (>>> 3.143 "\$PROG INFO[]" Page 84)

#### 3.71 \$IOBUS\_INFO[]

## **Description**

Structure with information about the bus driver



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

## **Syntax**

\$IOBUS INFO[Index] = Information

## **Explanation of** the syntax

Element	Description
Index	Type: INT
	Bus driver number
	<b>1</b> 32
	The serial number is automatically assigned to the bus drivers.
Information	Type: lobus_Info_T
	List with information about the bus driver

## lobus Info T

STRUC Iobus Info T CHAR name[256], drv name[256], BOOL bus ok, bus installed



Element	Description		
name[]	Name of the bus instance, e.g. SYS-X44		
drv_name[]	Name of the bus driver, e.g. ECat.DRV		
bus_ok	TRUE: Bus driver is OK.		
	FALSE: Bus driver is faulty or incompatible.		
bus_installed	TRUE: Bus driver is installed.		
	FALSE: Bus driver is not installed.		

## 3.72 \$IOSIM\_IN[]

**Description** 

State of the digital inputs with simulation calculated

The variable can be used to poll the current state of a digital input in the robot program or via the variable correction function. It also specifies whether or not the input is simulated. The variable is write-protected.

**Syntax** 

\$IOSIM IN[Input number] = "State"

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description		
Input number	Type: INT		
	■ 1 4 096: KUKA System Software 8.1		
	■ 1 8 192: KUKA System Software 8.2 and higher		
	<b>Note</b> : The range of values contains the maximum possible number of digital I/Os. The number of digital I/Os actually available can be monitored via \$NUM_IN/\$NUM_OUT.		
State	Type: CHAR		
	0: FALSE and not simulated		
	1: TRUE and not simulated		
	2: FALSE and simulated		
	3: TRUE and simulated		
	4: FALSE and not simulated and system input		
	5: TRUE and not simulated and system input		
	6: FALSE and simulated and system input		
	7: TRUE and simulated and system input		

## 3.73 **\$IOSIM\_OPT**

**Description** 

Activation or deactivation of simulation

Precondition

KUKA.OfficeLite is used or an image of the system software is running on the office PC.

**Syntax** 

\$IOSIM\_OPT=State

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	FALSE: The simulation is deactivated.
	<ul><li>TRUE: Simulation is activated.</li></ul>
	Default: FALSE



## **Properties**

- If simulation is activated, the robot controller takes simulated inputs and outputs into account.
  - (Inputs and outputs are simulated by means of the system variables \$INSIM\_TBL and \$OUTSIM\_TBL.)
- Outputs can only be set if the enabling switch is pressed.
- If simulation is not activated, the robot controller takes account of the real state of all inputs and outputs, and the simulated state is not relevant.

## Robot controller response:

- If an output[x] is simulated, its real state (i.e. \$OUT[x]) can no longer be modified. To allow this, the simulated state of the output must first be reset.
- The robot controller processes both simulated input signals and real input signals. If an input has been mapped to a robot controller output, the simulated input also sets the physical output!
- When simulation is deactivated again:
  - All outputs resume the state they had prior to simulation.
  - All inputs resume their real state.
- When the robot controller is rebooted:
  - Simulation is automatically deactivated.
  - The simulated state of each input and output is reset.

## 3.73.1 Simulating inputs/outputs - KUKA System Software 8.2 and higher

## Example 1 State be

State before simulation: \$OUT[8]==FALSE

- 1. The simulated state of the output is set to TRUE. (\$OUTSIM TBL[8]="1")
- Simulation is activated. (\$IOSIM\_OPT =TRUE)
   The real state now reflects the simulated state, i.e. \$OUT[8]==TRUE.

\$OUT[8] can no longer be modified.

Simulation is deactivated. (\$IOSIM\_OPT =FALSE)
 Now \$OUT[8]==FALSE!

Deactivation of the simulation has reset \$OUT[8] to the state it had before the simulation, i.e. FALSE. \$OUT[8] can now be modified again.

## Example 2

State before simulation: \$OUT[9]==FALSE.

Furthermore, \$OUTSIM\_TBL[9]="-", i.e. the output is not simulated.

- 1. Simulation is activated. (\$IOSIM\_OPT =TRUE)
- 2. The real state of the output is changed to TRUE. (\$OUT[9]=TRUE)
- Simulation is deactivated again. (\$IOSIM\_OPT=FALSE)
   Now \$OUT[9]==FALSE!

Deactivation of the simulation has reset \$OUT[9] to the state it had before the simulation, i.e. FALSE.

## 3.73.2 Simulating inputs/outputs – KUKA System Software 8.1

## Example 1

State before simulation: \$OUT[8]==FALSE

- The simulated state of the output is set to TRUE. (\$OUTSIM\_TBL[8]=#SIM\_TRUE)
- Simulation is activated. (\$IOSIM\_OPT =TRUE)
   The real state now reflects the simulated state, i.e. \$OUT[8]==TRUE.
   \$OUT[8] can no longer be modified.
- 3. Simulation is deactivated. (\$IOSIM\_OPT =FALSE)



## Now \$OUT[8]==FALSE!

Deactivation of the simulation has reset \$OUT[8] to the state it had before the simulation, i.e. FALSE. \$OUT[8] can now be modified again.

### Example 2

State before simulation: \$OUT[9]==FALSE.

Furthermore, \$OUTSIM\_TBL[9]==#NONE, i.e. the output is not simulated.

- 1. Simulation is activated. (\$IOSIM\_OPT =TRUE)
- 2. The real state of the output is changed to TRUE. (\$OUT[9]=TRUE)
- Simulation is deactivated again. (\$IOSIM\_OPT=FALSE)
   Now \$OUT[9]==FALSE!

Deactivation of the simulation has reset \$OUT[9] to the state it had before the simulation, i.e. FALSE.

## 3.74 \$IOSIM\_OUT[]

## **Description**

State of the digital outputs with simulation calculated

The variable can be used to poll the current state of a digital output in the robot program or via the variable correction function. It also specifies whether or not the output is simulated. The variable is write-protected.

## **Syntax**

\$IOSIM OUT[Output number] = "State"

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Output	Type: INT
number	■ 1 4 096: KUKA System Software 8.1
	■ 1 8 192: KUKA System Software 8.2 and higher
	<b>Note</b> : The range of values contains the maximum possible number of digital I/Os. The number of digital I/Os actually available can be monitored via \$NUM_IN/\$NUM_OUT.
State	Type: CHAR
	0: FALSE and not simulated
	1: TRUE and not simulated
	2: FALSE and simulated
	3: TRUE and simulated
	4: FALSE and not simulated and system input
	5: TRUE and not simulated and system input
	■ 6: FALSE and simulated and system input
	■ 7: TRUE and simulated and system input

## 3.75 \$IOSYS\_IN\_FALSE

## **Description**

Number of the system input that is always FALSE

By default, input \$IN[1026], which is always FALSE, is configured as a system input.

In the VW System Software, a different system input can be configured. The number of this system input can be polled using the variable.



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.



Syntax \$IOSYS IN FALSE=Input number

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Input number	Type: INT
	Default: 1026

## 3.76 \$IOSYS\_IN\_TRUE

**Description** Number of the system input that is always TRUE

By default, input \$IN[1025], which is always TRUE, is configured as a system input.

In the VW System Software, a different system input can be configured. The number of this system input can be polled using the variable.



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

**Syntax** 

\$IOSYS IN TRUE=Input number

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Input number	Type: INT
	Default: 1025

#### 

**Description** Programmed interpolation mode in the advance run

Syntax \$IPO MODE=Mode

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Mode	Type: ENUM
	#TCP: The tool is a fixed tool.
	#BASE: The tool is mounted on the mounting flange.
	Default: #BASE

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**Description** Current interpolation mode in the main run

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The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

Syntax \$IPO\_MODE\_C=Mode

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Mode	Type: ENUM
	#TCP: The tool is a fixed tool.
	#BASE: The tool is mounted on the mounting flange.
	Default: #BASE



## 3.79 \$IS\_OFFICE\_LITE

**Description** Identifier of the System Software as OfficeLite version

**Syntax** \$IS OFFICE LITE=Identifier

Explanation of the syntax

•	Element	Description
	Identifier	Type: BOOL
		TRUE: Software is KUKA.OfficeLite.
		FALSE: Software is KUKA System Software.

## 3.80 \$12T OL

**Description** Deactivation of I<sup>2</sup>t monitoring (only permissible in KUKA.OfficeLite)

Syntax \$I2T\_OL=State

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: ENUM SW_ONOFF
	<ul> <li>#ON: I<sup>2</sup>t monitoring is activated.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>#OFF: I<sup>2</sup>t monitoring is not activated.</li> </ul>
	Default: #ON

## 3.81 \$JERK – KUKA System Software 8.1

### Description

Cartesian jerk limitation for SPLINE in the advance run

The variable of structure type JERK\_STRUC limits the change of the acceleration over time during CP spline motions (SLIN, SCIRC).



The variable is only relevant in the case of CP spline motions that are planned without a dynamic model. (For KUKA System Software 8.2 and higher, the variable is no longer relevant.)

The aggregate consists of the following components:

- CP: Change to the path acceleration in [m/s<sup>3</sup>]
- ORI: Change to the orientation acceleration in [°/s³]
- AX: Change to the axis acceleration in [°/s³] for rotational axes or in [m/s³] for linear axes

The maximum permissible jerk for spline motions is defined in the machine data (variable \$JERK\_MA in the file ...R1\Mada\\$machine.dat).

### Example

\$JERK={CP 50.0,ORI 50000.0,AX {A1 1000.0,A2 1000.0,A3 1000.0,A4 1000.0,A5 1000.0,A6 1000.0,E1 1000.0,E2 1000.0,E3 1000.0,E4 1000.0,E5 1000.0,E6 1000.0}

## 3.82 \$JERK\_C - KUKA System Software 8.1

## Description

Cartesian jerk limitation for SPLINE in the main run

The variable of structure type JERK\_STRUC contains the current value for the change of the acceleration over time during a CP SPLINE motion (SLIN, SCIRC).





The variable is only relevant in the case of CP spline motions that are planned without a dynamic model. (For KUKA System Software 8.2 and higher, the variable is no longer relevant.)

The aggregate consists of the following components:

- CP: Change to the path acceleration in [m/s<sup>3</sup>]
- ORI: Change to the orientation acceleration in [°/s³]
- AX: Change to the axis acceleration in [°/s³] for rotational axes or in [m/s³] for linear axes



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

## 3.83 \$KCP\_CONNECT - KUKA System Software 8.1



The system variable is still present in higher versions of the software, but always delivers TRUE. For KUKA System Software 8.2 and higher, use the system variable \$KCP\_TYPE instead.

Description

Displays whether a KUKA smartPAD is connected.

**Syntax** 

\$KCP CONNECT=State

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	<ul> <li>TRUE: smartPAD is connected.</li> </ul>
	FALSE: No smartPAD is connected.

## 3.84 \$KCP\_IP - KUKA System Software 8.2 and higher

**Description** IP address of the currently connected KUKA smartPAD

Syntax \$KCP IP=IP address

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
IP address	Type: INT
	If the value zero is displayed, no smartPAD is connected.

## 3.85 \$KCP\_TYPE - KUKA System Software 8.2 and higher

**Description** Currently connected teach pendant

The variable can be used to monitor which teach pendant is currently connect-

ed to the robot controller.

**Syntax** \$KCP TYPE=*Type* 



## **Explanation of** the syntax

Element	Description
Туре	Type: ENUM
	#NO_KCP: No teach pendant is connected.
	#KCP: KUKA smartPAD is connected.
	#VRP: A virtual KUKA smartPAD is connected (KU- KA.VirtualRemotePendant).

#### 3.86 \$KDO\_ACT

Description Indication of whether a command motion is currently active

Examples of command motions are jog motions and motions of asynchronous

axes.

**Syntax** \$KDO ACT=State

**Explanation of** the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	<ul> <li>TRUE: Command motion active</li> </ul>
	FALSE: No command motion active

#### 3.87 **\$KR\_SERIALNO**

Robot serial number saved on the RDC Description

**Syntax** \$KR SERIALNO=Number

**Explanation of** the syntax

Element	Description
Number	Type: INT
	Maximum 24 characters

#### 3.88 \$LDC\_ACTIVE - KUKA System Software 8.2 and higher

**Description** Activation/deactivation of online load data verification

Precondition Online load data verification is loaded: \$LDC LOADED=TRUE

**Syntax** \$LDC ACTIVE=State

**Explanation of** the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	<ul> <li>TRUE: Online load data verification is activated.</li> </ul>
	FALSE: Online load data verification is deactivated.
	Default: TRUE

#### 3.89 \$LDC\_LOADED - KUKA System Software 8.2 and higher

**Description** Indication of whether online load data verification is loaded

> The variable can be used to check whether online load data verification for the current robot type is available. Online load data verification is available for those robot types for which KUKA.LoadDataDetermination can be used.



Syntax \$LDC LOADED=State

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	<ul> <li>TRUE: Online load data verification is loaded.</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>FALSE: Online load data verification is not loaded.</li></ul>

## 3.90 \$LDC\_RESULT[] - KUKA System Software 8.2 and higher

**Description** Current result of the online load data verification

Syntax \$LDC RESULT[Index] = Result

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Index	Type: INT
	Tool number
	<b>1</b> 32
Result	Type: CHAR
	<ul><li>#OK: The payload is OK. (Neither overload nor underload.)</li></ul>
	#OVERLOAD: There is an overload.
	#UNDERLOAD: There is an underload.
	#CHECKING: The load data verification is still active.
	#NONE: There is currently no result, e.g. because the tool has been changed.

## 3.91 \$LOAD

## **Description**

Currently valid load data in the advance run

The structure contains the payload data entered in the robot controller and assigned to the current tool. The reference coordinate system is the FLANGE coordinate system.

(>>> "Loads on the robot" Page 59)

**Syntax** 

\$LOAD={M Mass, CM Center of gravity, J Inertia}

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Mass	Type: REAL; unit: kg
Center of gra- vity	Type: FRAME
Vity	X, Y, Z: Position of the center of gravity relative to the flange
	A, B, C: Orientation of the principal inertia axes relative to the flange
Inertia	Type: INERTIA
	X, Y, Z: Mass moments of inertia about the axes of the coordinate system that is rotated relative to the flange by A, B and C

## Loads on the robot

Various loads can be mounted on the robot:

Payload on the flange

- Supplementary load on axis 3
- Supplementary load on axis 2
- Supplementary load on axis 1

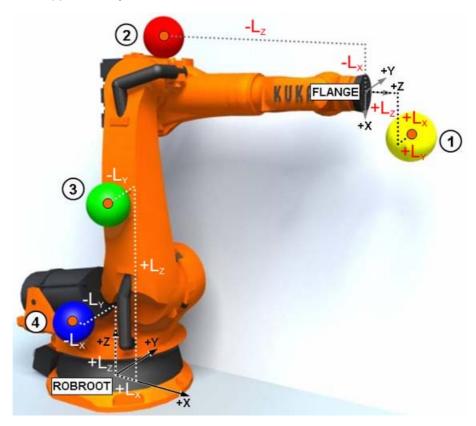


Fig. 3-4: Loads on the robot

1 Payload

- 3 Supplementary load on axis 2
- 2 Supplementary load on axis 3
- 4 Supplementary load on axis 1

## **Parameters**

The load data are defined using the following parameters:

Parameter		Unit
Mass	m	kg
Distance to the center of gravity	L <sub>x</sub> , L <sub>y</sub> , L <sub>z</sub>	mm
Mass moments of inertia at the center of gravity	I <sub>X</sub> , I <sub>y</sub> , I <sub>Z</sub>	kg m <sup>2</sup>

Reference systems of the X, Y and Z values for each load:

Load	Reference system
Payload	FLANGE coordinate system
Supplementary load	FLANGE coordinate system
A3	A4 = 0°, A5 = 0°, A6 = 0°
Supplementary load	ROBROOT coordinate system
A2	A2 = -90°
Supplementary load	ROBROOT coordinate system
A1	A1 = 0°



## 3.92 \$LOAD\_C

## **Description**

Currently valid load data in the main run

The structure contains the payload data entered in the robot controller and assigned to the current tool. The reference coordinate system is the FLANGE coordinate system.

(>>> "Loads on the robot" Page 59)



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

## **Syntax**

\$LOAD C={M Mass, CM Center of gravity, J Inertia}

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Mass	Type: REAL; unit: kg
Center of gra- vity	Type: FRAME
,	X, Y, Z: Position of the center of gravity relative to the flange
	A, B, C: Orientation of the principal inertia axes relative to the flange
Inertia	Type: INERTIA
	X, Y, Z: Mass moments of inertia about the axes of the coordinate system that is rotated relative to the flange by A, B and C

## 3.93 \$LOAD A1

## **Description**

Currently valid supplementary load data for axis A1 in the advance run

The structure contains the supplementary load data of the load mounted on axis A1 and entered in the robot controller.

(>>> "Loads on the robot" Page 59)

The reference coordinate system is the ROBROOT coordinate system with  $A1=0^{\circ}$ .

## **Syntax**

\$LOAD\_A1={M Mass, CM Center of gravity, J Inertia}

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Mass	Type: REAL; unit: kg
Center of gra- vity	Type: FRAME
vily	X, Y, Z: Position of the center of gravity relative to the robot base
	A, B, C: Orientation of the principal inertia axes relative to the robot base
Inertia	Type: INERTIA
	X, Y, Z: Mass moments of inertia about the axes of the coordinate system that is rotated relative to the robot base by A, B and C.

## 3.94 \$LOAD A1 C

## Description

Currently valid supplementary load data for axis A1 in the main run

The structure contains the supplementary load data of the load mounted on axis A1 and entered in the robot controller.

(>>> "Loads on the robot" Page 59)

The reference coordinate system is the ROBROOT coordinate system with A1= 0°.



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

## **Syntax**

\$LOAD A1 C={M Mass, CM Center of gravity, J Inertia}

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Mass	Type: REAL; unit: kg
Center of gra- vity	Type: FRAME
	X, Y, Z: Position of the center of gravity relative to the robot base
	A, B, C: Orientation of the principal inertia axes relative to the robot base
Inertia	Type: INERTIA
	X, Y, Z: Mass moments of inertia about the axes of the coordinate system that is rotated relative to the robot base by A, B and C.

## 3.95 \$LOAD\_A2

## **Description**

Currently valid supplementary load data for axis A2 in the advance run

The structure contains the supplementary load data of the load mounted on axis A2 and entered in the robot controller.

(>>> "Loads on the robot" Page 59)

The reference coordinate system is the ROBROOT coordinate system with A2= -90°.



In the case of a SCARA robot with 4 axes, the reference coordinate system is the ROBROOT coordinate system with A2=  $0^{\circ}$ .

## **Syntax**

 $10000 A2 = \{M Mass, CM Center of gravity, J Inertia\}$ 

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Mass	Type: REAL; unit: kg
Center of gra- vity	Type: FRAME  X, Y, Z: Position of the center of gravity relative to the
	robot base
	A, B, C: Orientation of the principal inertia axes relative to the robot base
Inertia	Type: INERTIA
	X, Y, Z: Mass moments of inertia about the axes of the coordinate system that is rotated relative to the robot base by A, B and C.



## 3.96 \$LOAD\_A2\_C

## **Description**

Currently valid supplementary load data for axis A2 in the main run

The structure contains the supplementary load data of the load mounted on axis A2 and entered in the robot controller.

(>>> "Loads on the robot" Page 59)

The reference coordinate system is the ROBROOT coordinate system with  $A2=-90^{\circ}$ .



In the case of a SCARA robot with 4 axes, the reference coordinate system is the ROBROOT coordinate system with A2=  $0^{\circ}$ .



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

## **Syntax**

\$LOAD A2 C={M Mass, CM Center of gravity, J Inertia}

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Mass	Type: REAL; unit: kg
Center of gra-	Type: FRAME
vity	X, Y, Z: Position of the center of gravity relative to the robot base
	A, B, C: Orientation of the principal inertia axes relative to the robot base
Inertia	Type: INERTIA
	X, Y, Z: Mass moments of inertia about the axes of the coordinate system that is rotated relative to the robot base by A, B and C.

## 3.97 \$LOAD\_A3

## **Description**

Currently valid supplementary load data for axis A3 in the advance run

The structure contains the supplementary load data of the load mounted on axis A3 and entered in the robot controller.

(>>> "Loads on the robot" Page 59)

The reference coordinate system is the FLANGE coordinate system with A4=  $0^{\circ}$ , A5=  $0^{\circ}$  and A6=  $0^{\circ}$ .

### **Syntax**

 $DAD_A3 = \{M \text{ Mass, CM Center of gravity, J Inertia}\}$ 

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Mass	Type: REAL; unit: kg



Element	Description
Center of gra- vity	Type: FRAME
	X, Y, Z: Position of the center of gravity relative to the flange
	A, B, C: Orientation of the principal inertia axes relative to the flange
Inertia	Type: INERTIA
	X, Y, Z: Mass moments of inertia about the axes of the coordinate system that is rotated relative to the flange by A, B and C

## 3.98 \$LOAD A3 C

## **Description**

Currently valid supplementary load data for axis A3 in the main run

The structure contains the supplementary load data of the load mounted on axis A3 and entered in the robot controller.

(>>> "Loads on the robot" Page 59)

The reference coordinate system is the FLANGE coordinate system with A4=  $0^{\circ}$ , A5=  $0^{\circ}$  and A6=  $0^{\circ}$ .



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

## **Syntax**

\$LOAD A3 C={M Mass, CM Center of gravity, J Inertia}

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Mass	Type: REAL; unit: kg
Center of gra- vity	<ul><li>Type: FRAME</li><li>X, Y, Z: Position of the center of gravity relative to the flange</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>A, B, C: Orientation of the principal inertia axes relative to the flange</li> </ul>
Inertia	Type: INERTIA
	X, Y, Z: Mass moments of inertia about the axes of the coordinate system that is rotated relative to the flange by A, B and C

## 3.99 **\$MAMES\_ACT[]**

## **Description**

Robot-specific mastering position

The mastering position for each axis of a specific robot type is defined by means of \$MAMES[x] in the machine data (variable in the file ...R1\Mada\\$machine.dat).

The robot-specific mastering position  $MAMES_ACT[x]$  may deviate slightly. The offset relative to the mastering position stored in MAMES[x] is then saved as a MAM file on the RDC.

If offset values for the mastering are saved and are to be used, this must be specified in the machine data with \$INDIVIDUAL\_MAMES (variable in the file ...R1\Mada\\$machine.dat). The robot controller then reads the offset values



during booting, adds them to the \$MAMES[] values and writes the result to the variable \$MAMES\_ACT[x].

- If a MAM file with offset data is to be used, \$INDIVIDUAL\_MAMES ≠ #NONE, \$MAMES\_ACT[x] = \$MAMES[x] + MAM offset.
- If a MAM file with offset data is to be used, \$INDIVIDUAL\_MAMES ≠ #NONE, but a MAM file is not saved, \$MAMES ACT[x] is invalid.
- If a MAM file with offset data is not to be used, \$INDIVIDUAL\_MAMES = #NONE, \$MAMES\_ACT[x] = \$MAMES[x].



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

## **Syntax**

\$MAMES ACT[Axis number] = Axis value

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Axis number	Type: INT
	<b>1 6</b> : Robot axis A1 A6
	<b>7 12</b> : External axis E1 E6
Axis value	Type: REAL; unit: ° (for linear axes: mm)
	-180° +180°

## Example

The \$MAMES[] value in the machine data for A3 is 90°. In the MAM file, an offset of 1° is saved for this axis:

\$MAMES\_ACT[3] = 90.0 + 1.0 = 91.0

## 3.100 **\$MEAS\_PULSE[]**

### **Description**

Activation of the inputs for fast measurement

The variable can be used to activate fast measurement via an interrupt. When the interrupt is activated, \$MEAS\_PULSE[] must have the value FALSE, otherwise an acknowledgement message is generated and the program is stopped.



Further information about the inputs for fast measurement (interface X33) can be found in the documentation **Optional interfaces** for the KR C4.

## **Syntax**

\$MEAS PULSE [Measurement input number] = State

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Measu-	Type: INT
rement input number	<b>1</b> 8
State	Type: BOOL
	TRUE: Measurement input is active.
	FALSE: Measurement input is not active.
	Default: FALSE

## 3.101 \$MODE\_OP

**Description** Current operating mode

**Syntax** 

\$MODE OP=Operating mode

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Operating mode	Type: ENUM  #AUT: Automatic
	#AOT: Automatic #EX: Automatic external
	<b>#</b> T1
	■ #T2

## 3.102 **\$MOT\_STOP**

**Description** 

Disabling of the external start

The variable is set if the robot is not on the programmed path and the external start is disabled. The robot controller resets the variable if the user answers **Yes** to the prompt for confirmation of whether the robot should nevertheless be started. The external start from the higher-level controller is issued subsequently in this case.

Precondition

"Block external start" option is active: \$MOT\_STOP\_OPT=TRUE (variable in the file ...\R1\STEU\Mada\\$option.dat)

**Syntax** 

\$MOT STOP=State

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	TRUE: External start is blocked.
	FALSE: External start is not blocked.
	Default: FALSE

## 3.103 **\$MOT\_TEMP[]**

**Description** 

Current motor temperature of an axis

In the case of master/slave axes, only the motor temperature of the master drive can be read.

**Syntax** 

\$MOT\_TEMP[Axis number] = Temperature

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Axis number	Type: INT
	<b>1 6</b> : Robot axis A1 A6
	<b>7 12</b> : External axis E1 E6
Temperature	Type: INT; unit: Kelvin; tolerance: ±12 K
	The value zero is displayed for axes that are not configured.

## 3.104 **\$MOUSE\_ACT**

**Description** Operating state of the Space Mouse

Syntax \$MOUSE ACT=State



# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	<ul><li>TRUE: Space Mouse is active.</li></ul>
	FALSE: Space Mouse is not active.
	Default: FALSE

## 3.105 **\$MOUSE\_DOM**

**Description** Jog mode of the Space Mouse

**Syntax** \$MOUSE\_DOM=*Mode* 

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Mode	Type: BOOL
	TRUE: Dominant mode is active.
	Only the coordinate axis with the greatest deflection of the Space Mouse is moved.
	<ul><li>FALSE: Dominant mode is not active.</li></ul>
	Depending on the axis selection, either 3 or 6 axes can be moved simultaneously.
	Default: TRUE

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**Description** Activation/deactivation of the Space Mouse on the KUKA smartPAD

Syntax \$MOUSE ON=State

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	<ul> <li>TRUE: Space Mouse is activated.</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>FALSE: Space Mouse is deactivated.</li></ul>
	Default: TRUE

## 3.107 **\$MOUSE\_ROT**

**Description** Rotational motions with the Space Mouse On/Off

Syntax \$MOUSE\_ROT=State

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	<ul> <li>TRUE: Rotational motions are possible.</li> </ul>
	FALSE: Rotational motions are not possible.
	Default: TRUE

## 3.108 \$MOUSE\_TRA

**Description** Translational motions with the Space Mouse On/Off

**Syntax** 

\$MOUSE TRA=State

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	TRUE: Translational motions are possible.
	<ul> <li>FALSE: Translational motions are not possible.</li> </ul>
	Default: TRUE

## 3.109 **\$MOVE\_BCO**

Description

Indication of whether a BCO run is currently being executed

**Syntax** 

\$MOVE BCO=State

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	<ul> <li>TRUE: BCO run is being carried out.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>FALSE: BCO run is not being carried out.</li> </ul>

## 3.110 \$MOVE\_STATE

## **Description**

Current motion state

The variable is used in path planning to identify the individual path sections.

The identifier consists of 2 parts:

- Designation for the current motion type (PTP, LIN or CIRC)
- Designation for the current motion path section



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

**Syntax** 

\$MOVE STATE=Identifier

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Identifier	Type: ENUM
	#PTP_AP01, #LIN_AP01, #CIRC_AP01: Motion in the first approximate positioning range (start to middle)
	#PTP_AP02, #LIN_AP02, #CIRC_AP02: Motion in the second approximate positioning range (middle to end)
	#PTP_SINGLE, #LIN_SINGLE, #CIRC_SINGLE: Motion outside the approximate positioning range
	#NONE: No program is selected, or a program has been reset or deselected
	Default: #NONE

## 3.111 \$NULLFRAME

## **Description**

NULLFRAME

The variable of structure type FRAME can be used to set all components of a coordinate system to zero:



- X, Y, Z: Offset of the origin along the axes in [mm]
- A, B, C: Rotational offset of the axis angles in [°]

## **Example**

Position of the BASE coordinate system is NULLFRAME

\$BASE=\$NULLFRAME

## 3.112 \$NUM IN

## **Description**

Number of available digital inputs \$IN[]



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

**Syntax** 

\$NUM IN=Number

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Number	Type: INT

## 3.113 **\$NUM\_OUT**

## **Description**

Number of available digital outputs \$OUT[]



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

## **Syntax**

\$NUM OUT=Number

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Number	Type: INT

## 3.114 **\$ORI\_TYPE**

**Description** 

Orientation control of a CP motion in the advance run

**Syntax** 

\$ORI TYPE=Type

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Туре	Type: ENUM
	#CONSTANT: The orientation of the TCP remains constant during the motion.
	#VAR: The orientation of the TCP changes continuously during the motion.
	#JOINT: The orientation of the TCP changes continuously during the motion. This is done by linear transformation (axis-specific motion) of the wrist axis angles.
	<b>Note</b> : If \$ORI_TYPE = #JOINT, the variable \$CIRC_TYPE is ignored.

## 3.115 **\$ORI\_TYPE\_C**

**Description** 

Orientation control of a CP motion in the main run



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The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

## **Syntax**

\$ORI TYPE C=Type

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Туре	Type: ENUM
	#CONSTANT: The orientation of the TCP remains constant during the motion.
	#VAR: The orientation of the TCP changes continuously during the motion.
	#JOINT: The orientation of the TCP changes continuously during the motion. This is done by linear transformation (axis-specific motion) of the wrist axis angles.
	<b>Note</b> : If \$ORI_TYPE_C = #JOINT, the variable \$CIRC_TYPE_C is ignored.

## 3.116 \$OUT[]

## **Description**

Digital output states

The variable can be used to set a digital output in the robot program and then reset it again. Furthermore, the variable can be used to poll the current state of a digital output in the robot program or via the variable correction function.

## **Syntax**

\$OUT [ Output number] = State

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Output number	Type: INT
	■ 1 4 096: KUKA System Software 8.1
	■ 1 8 192: KUKA System Software 8.2 and higher
	<b>Note</b> : The range of values contains the maximum possible number of digital I/Os. The number of digital I/Os actually available can be monitored via \$NUM_IN/\$NUM_OUT.
State	Type: BOOL
	■ TRUE or FALSE

#### 

## **Description**

Setting of digital outputs in the main run

The variable can be used to set or reset a digital output relative to the main run. The user can use the variable, for example, in order to set a digital output at the target point of an exact positioning motion or at the vertex of an approximate positioning motion.

## **Syntax**

\$OUT\_C [ Output number] = State



## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Output number	Type: INT
	■ 1 4 096: KUKA System Software 8.1
	■ 1 8 192: KUKA System Software 8.2 and higher
	<b>Note</b> : The range of values contains the maximum possible number of digital I/Os. The number of digital I/Os actually available can be monitored via \$NUM_IN/\$NUM_OUT.
State	Type: BOOL
	TRUE or FALSE

#### 

### **Description**

Program override is the velocity of the robot during program execution. The program override is specified as a percentage of the programmed velocity.

In T1 mode, the maximum velocity is 250 mm/s, irrespective of the value that is set.

### **Syntax**

\$OV PRO=Override

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Override	Type: INT; unit: %
	<b>0</b> 100
	Default: 100

## 3.119 \$OV\_ROB

## **Description**

Robot override

The robot override is the current velocity of the robot in program execution. The variable is write-protected.

The robot override is determined by the program override \$OV\_PRO as a function of the reduction factor for the program override \$RED\_VEL. If \$RED\_VEL=100, i.e. the program override is not reduced, \$OV\_ROB is identical to \$OV\_PRO.

## **Syntax**

\$OV ROB=Override

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Override	Type: INT; unit: %
	<b>0</b> 100

## 3.120 **\$PAL MODE**

## Description

Activation of palletizing mode (only relevant for palletizing robots)

Depending on the robot type, palletizing mode must either be explicitly activated for this robot or is already activated:

In the case of palletizing robots with 6 axes, palletizing mode is deactivated by default and must be activated. If palletizing mode is active, axis A4 may be locked at 0° and the mounting flange is held parallel to the floor by keeping A5 at a suitable angle. For a 6-axis robot, active palletizing mode is deactivated again after a cold restart of the robot controller.

- In the case of palletizing robots with 4 or 5 axes, palletizing mode is active by default.
  - For 5-axis robots, palletizing mode can be deactivated via \$PAL\_MODE.
  - For 4-axis robots, palletizing mode cannot be deactivated via \$PAL\_MODE.



Further information about activating the palletizing mode is contained in the Operating and Programming Instructions for System Integrators

## **Syntax**

\$PAL MODE=State

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	TRUE: Palletizing mode is active.
	FALSE: Palletizing mode is not active.
	Default: Dependent on the robot model

## 3.121 **\$PATHTIME**

## **Description**

Structure with the data of a time-based spline motion (TIME\_BLOCK)

The variable can be used to read the data of a time-based spline. \$PATHTIME is filled with the data as soon as the robot controller has completed the planning of the spline block. The data are retained until the next spline block has been planned.

## **Syntax**

Path times=\$PATHTIME

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Path times	Type: Pathtime_Struc
	Data of the time-based spline motion

### Pathtime\_Struc

STRUC Pathtime\_Struc REAL total, scheduled, programmed, INT n\_sections, REAL max\_dev, INT max\_dev\_section

Element	Description
total	Time actually required for the entire spline block (s)
scheduled	Overall time planned for the time block (s)
pro- grammed	Overall time programmed for the time block (s)
n_sections	Number <i>n</i> of time components
max_dev	Maximum deviation of all time components between the programmed time and the planned time (%)
max_dev_ section	Number of the time component with the greatest deviation between the programmed time and the planned time

## 3.122 **\$POS\_ACT**

## **Description**

Current Cartesian robot position

The variable of structure type E6POS defines the setpoint position of the TCP in relation to the BASE coordinate system.



- X, Y, Z: Offset of the origin along the axes in [mm]
- A, B, C: Rotational offset of the axis angles in [°]

The variable is write-protected. In the robot program, the variable triggers an advance run stop.

#### \$POS\_ACT\_MES 3.123

### **Description**

Measured Cartesian robot position

The variable of structure type E6POS defines the actual position of the TCP in relation to the BASE coordinate system.

- X, Y, Z: Offset of the origin along the axes in [mm]
- A, B, C: Rotational offset of the axis angles in [°]

#### 3.124 **\$POS BACK**

#### **Description**

Cartesian start position of the current motion block

The variable of structure type E6POS defines the start position of the TCP in relation to the BASE coordinate system.

- X, Y, Z: Offset of the origin along the axes in [mm]
- A, B, C: Rotational offset of the axis angles in [°]

\$POS\_BACK can be used to return to the start position of an interrupted motion instruction. \$POS BACK corresponds to the beginning of the window for an interruption within the approximation window and to the end of the window for an interruption after the approximation window. \$POS\_BACK triggers an advance run stop in the KRL program.

### **Example**

Approximated PTP motion

```
PTP P1
PTP P2 C PTP
PTP P3
```

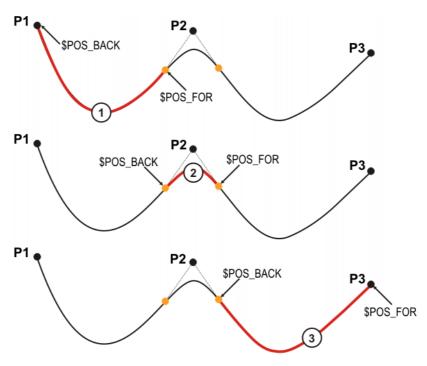


Fig. 3-5: \$POS\_BACK, \$POS\_FOR - P2 is approximated

- Single block
- Following block
- Intermediate block

#### 3.125 \$POS\_FOR

#### Description

Cartesian target position of the current motion block

The variable of structure type E6POS defines the target position of the TCP in relation to the BASE coordinate system.

- X, Y, Z: Offset of the origin along the axes in [mm]
- A, B, C: Rotational offset of the axis angles in [°]

\$POS FOR can be used to move to the target position of an interrupted motion instruction. \$POS FOR corresponds to the end of the window for an interruption within the approximation window and to the beginning of the window for an interruption before the approximation window. \$POS FOR triggers an advance run stop in the KRL program.

#### Example

(>>> 3.124 "\$POS\_BACK" Page 73)

#### 3.126 \$POS\_INT

#### Description

Cartesian robot position in the case of an interrupt

The variable of structure type E6POS defines the position of the TCP in relation to the BASE coordinate system at the time of the interrupt.

- X, Y, Z: Offset of the origin along the axes in [mm]
- A, B, C: Rotational offset of the axis angles in [°]

\$POS INT can be used to return to the Cartesian position at which an interrupt was triggered. The variable is only admissible in an interrupt program and triggers an advance run stop.

#### 3.127 **\$POS RET**

### **Description**

Cartesian robot position when leaving the path

The variable of structure type E6POS defines the position of the TCP in relation to the BASE coordinate system at the time that the programmed path was left.

- X, Y, Z: Offset of the origin along the axes in [mm]
- A, B, C: Rotational offset of the axis angles in [°]

When the robot is stationary, \$POS RET can be used to return to the Cartesian position at which the path was left.

#### **\$POWER FAIL** 3.128

Description

Display of power failure

**Syntax** 

\$POWER FAIL=State

# **Explanation of** the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	TRUE: Power failure
	FALSE: No power failure



## 3.129 \$POWEROFF\_DELAYTIME

**Description** Wait time for shutdown of the robot controller

The robot controller is shut down after the time set here.

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Wait time	Type: INT; unit: s
	<b>1</b> 30,000
	0: The robot controller is shut down despite external power supply.
	Default: 3

## 3.130 \$PRO\_I\_O[] – KUKA System Software 8.3 and higher

#### **Description** Path to the submit program

The variable represents the current configuration of \$PRO\_I\_O\_SYS.MOD-ULE[] (variable in the file ...STEU\Mada\\$custom.dat). It contains the path to the submit program that is to be automatically started at a cold start of the robot controller. The program SPS.SUB starts in the system submit interpreter

The variable is write-protected.

by default.

#### 3.131 \$PRO IP

#### Description

Structure with the data of the process pointer with reference to an interpreter

The variable contains the data of the block that will be executed next in an interpreter.

Depending on the specific interpreter, access to the data is as follows:

- Reading the variable in a robot program refers to the state of the robot interpreter.
- Reading the variable in a submit program refers to the state of the associated submit interpreter.
- Reading/writing to the variable by means of the variable correction function refers to the current value of \$INTERPRETER.

The possible values for \$INTERPRETER depend on the Submit mode that the robot controller is in.

Robot controller in Single Submit mode (default operating mode):

- 0: Submit interpreter
- 1: Robot interpreter

Robot controller in Multi-Submit mode (only possible with KUKA System Software 8.3 and higher):

- 1: Robot interpreter
- 2: System submit interpreter
- 3: Extended submit interpreter 1
- 4: Extended submit interpreter 2
- · ..
- 9: Extended submit interpreter 7

## Access to P\_Arrived in a submit program:



\$PRO\_IP contains the following initialized components in the submit interpreter:

- \$PRO\_IP.SNR
- \$PRO\_IP.Name[]
- \$PRO IP.I Executed

The component \$PRO\_IP.P\_Arrived is not initialized in a submit interpreter. Reading the component P\_Arrived in a submit program triggers the error message {\$variable} value invalid.

In order to be able to read the robot interpreter component P\_Arrived in a submit program, the variable \$PRO IP1 must be used:

IF (\$PRO\_IP1.P\_Arrived == 1) THEN ...

#### **Syntax**

\$PRO IP=Process data

# **Explanation of** the syntax

Element	Description
Process data	Type: Pro_lp
	Structure with the current data of the process pointer

## Pro\_lp

STRUC Pro\_Ip CHAR name[32], INT snr, CHAR name\_c[32], INT snr\_c, BOOL i\_executed, INT p\_arrived, CHAR p\_name[24], CALL STACK S101, S102, ...S110

Element	Description
name[]	Name of the module in which the interpreter is in the advance run
snr	Number of the block in which the interpreter is in the advance run (usually not equal to the line number of the program)
name_c[]	Name of the module in which the interpolator is in the main run
snr_c	Number of the block in which the interpolator is in the main run
i_executed	Indicates whether the block has already been executed by the interpreter (= TRUE)
p_arrived	Indicates point on the path where the robot is located (only relevant for motion instructions)
	O: Arrived at the target or auxiliary point of the motion
	<ul><li>1: Target point not reached (robot is somewhere on the path)</li></ul>
	2: Not relevant
	3: Arrived at the auxiliary point of a CIRC or SCIRC motion
	4: On the move in the section between the start and the auxiliary point
p_name[]	Name or aggregate of the target or auxiliary point at which the robot is located
S101 S110	Caller stack in which the interpreter is situated

#### 3.132 \$PRO\_IP0

**Description** 

Structure with the data of the process pointer in the submit interpreter



The variable contains the data of the block that will be executed next by the submit interpreter. The variable can be read by means of both a robot program and a submit program. Data can also be written to it using the variable correction function.

If the robot controller is operated in Multi-Submit mode (only possible with KUKA System Software 8.3 and higher), the variable is irrelevant. The system states of a robot controller in Multi-Submit mode are grouped in the variable \$PROG\_INFO[].

### **Syntax**

\$PRO IP0=Process data

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Process data	Type: Pro_lp
	Structure with the current data of the process pointer

### Pro\_lp

STRUC Pro\_Ip CHAR name[32], INT snr, CHAR name\_c[32], INT snr\_c, BOOL i\_executed, INT p\_arrived, CHAR p\_name[24], CALL STACK S101, S102, ...S110

Element	Description
name[]	Name of the module in which the interpreter is in the advance run
snr	Number of the block in which the interpreter is in the advance run (usually not equal to the line number of the program)
name_c[]	Name of the module in which the interpolator is in the main run
snr_c	Number of the block in which the interpolator is in the main run
i_executed	Indicates whether the block has already been executed by the interpreter (= TRUE)
p_arrived	Indicates point on the path where the robot is located (only relevant for motion instructions)
	O: Arrived at the target or auxiliary point of the motion
	<ul><li>1: Target point not reached (robot is somewhere on the path)</li></ul>
	2: Not relevant
	3: Arrived at the auxiliary point of a CIRC or SCIRC motion
	4: On the move in the section between the start and the auxiliary point
p_name[]	Name or aggregate of the target or auxiliary point at which the robot is located
S101 S110	Caller stack in which the interpreter is situated

## 3.133 \$PRO\_IP1

#### **Description**

Structure with the data of the process pointer in the robot interpreter

The variable contains the data of the block that will be executed next by the robot interpreter. The variable can be read by means of both a robot program and a submit program. Data can also be written to it using the variable correction function.



## **Syntax**

\$PRO IP1=Process data

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Process data	Type: Pro_Ip
	Structure with the current data of the process pointer

### Pro\_lp

STRUC Pro\_Ip CHAR name[32], INT snr, CHAR name\_c[32], INT snr\_c, BOOL i\_executed, INT p\_arrived, CHAR p\_name[24], CALL STACK S101, S102, ...S110

Element	Description
name[]	Name of the module in which the interpreter is in the advance run
snr	Number of the block in which the interpreter is in the advance run (usually not equal to the line number of the program)
name_c[]	Name of the module in which the interpolator is in the main run
snr_c	Number of the block in which the interpolator is in the main run
i_executed	Indicates whether the block has already been executed by the interpreter (= TRUE)
p_arrived	Indicates point on the path where the robot is located (only relevant for motion instructions)
	O: Arrived at the target or auxiliary point of the motion
	<ul><li>1: Target point not reached (robot is somewhere on the path)</li></ul>
	2: Not relevant
	3: Arrived at the auxiliary point of a CIRC or SCIRC motion
	4: On the move in the section between the start and the auxiliary point
p_name[]	Name or aggregate of the target or auxiliary point at which the robot is located
S101 S110	Caller stack in which the interpreter is situated

### 3.134 \$PRO\_MODE

## **Description**

Program run mode with reference to an interpreter

Depending on the specific interpreter, access to the information is as follows:

- Reading the variable in a robot program refers to the state of the robot interpreter.
- Reading the variable in a submit program refers to the state of the associated submit interpreter.
- Reading/writing to the variable by means of the variable correction function refers to the current value of \$INTERPRETER.

The possible values for \$INTERPRETER depend on the Submit mode that the robot controller is in.

Robot controller in Single Submit mode (default operating mode):

0: Submit interpreter



1: Robot interpreter

Robot controller in Multi-Submit mode (only possible with KUKA System Software 8.3 and higher):

- 1: Robot interpreter
- 2: System submit interpreter
- 3: Extended submit interpreter 1
- 4: Extended submit interpreter 2
- 9: Extended submit interpreter 7

### **Syntax**

\$PRO MODE=Type

# **Explanation of** the syntax

Element	Description
Туре	Type: ENUM
	#GO: The program is executed through to the end with- out stopping.
	#MSTEP: Motion Step
	The program is executed with a stop at each point, including auxiliary points and the points of a spline segment. The program is executed without advance processing.
	<ul><li>#ISTEP: Incremental Step</li></ul>
	The program is executed with a stop after each program line. The motion is also stopped after program lines that cannot be seen and after blank lines. The program is executed without advance processing.
	#BSTEP: Backward Step
	This program run mode is automatically selected if the Start backwards key is pressed. It is not possible to select a different mode. The response is like that for #MSTEP.
	#PSTEP: Program Step
	The program is executed step by step without advance processing. Subprograms are executed completely.
	<ul><li>#CSTEP: Continuous Step</li></ul>
	Approximate positioning points are executed with advance processing and approximated. Exact positioning points are executed without advance processing and with a stop after the motion instruction.
	Default: #GO

#### 3.135 \$PRO\_MODE0

### **Description**

Program run mode in the submit interpreter

The variable can be read by means of both a robot program and a submit program. Data can also be written to it using the variable correction function.

If the robot controller is operated in Multi-Submit mode (only possible with KUKA System Software 8.3 and higher), the variable is irrelevant. The system states of a robot controller in Multi-Submit mode are grouped in the variable \$PROG\_INFO[].

**Syntax** 

\$PRO\_MODE0=Type



Element	Description
Туре	Type: ENUM
	#GO: The program is executed through to the end with- out stopping.
	#ISTEP: Incremental Step
	The program is executed with a stop after each program line. The motion is also stopped after program lines that cannot be seen and after blank lines. The program is executed without advance processing.
	#PSTEP: Program Step
	The program is executed step by step without advance processing. Subprograms are executed completely.
	Default: #GO



The program run modes #MSTEP, #BSTEP and #CSTEP are not available in a submit interpreter.

# 3.136 \$PRO\_MODE1

**Description** Program run mode in the robot interpreter

The variable can be read by means of both a robot program and a submit program. Data can also be written to it using the variable correction function.

**Syntax** \$PRO\_MODE1=Type



Element	Description
Туре	Type: ENUM
	<ul><li>#GO: The program is executed through to the end without stopping.</li><li>#MSTEP: Motion Step</li></ul>
	The program is executed with a stop at each point, including auxiliary points and the points of a spline segment. The program is executed without advance processing.
	<ul><li>#ISTEP: Incremental Step</li></ul>
	The program is executed with a stop after each program line. The motion is also stopped after program lines that cannot be seen and after blank lines. The program is executed without advance processing.
	#BSTEP: Backward Step
	This program run mode is automatically selected if the Start backwards key is pressed. It is not possible to select a different mode. The response is like that for #MSTEP.
	#PSTEP: Program Step
	The program is executed step by step without advance processing. Subprograms are executed completely.
	#CSTEP: Continuous Step
	Approximate positioning points are executed with advance processing and approximated. Exact positioning points are executed without advance processing and with a stop after the motion instruction.
	Default: #GO

# 3.137 **\$PRO\_NAME[]**

# **Description**

Name of the selected program with reference to an interpreter

Depending on the specific interpreter, access to the information is as follows:

- The variable is write-protected.
- Reading the variable in a robot program refers to the state of the robot interpreter.
- Reading the variable in a submit program refers to the state of the associated submit interpreter.
- Reading the variable by means of the variable correction function refers to the current value of \$INTERPRETER.

The possible values for \$INTERPRETER depend on the Submit mode that the robot controller is in.

Robot controller in Single Submit mode (default operating mode):

- 0: Submit interpreter
- 1: Robot interpreter

Robot controller in Multi-Submit mode (only possible with KUKA System Software 8.3 and higher):

- 1: Robot interpreter
- 2: System submit interpreter
- 3: Extended submit interpreter 1
- 4: Extended submit interpreter 2

9: Extended submit interpreter 7

**Syntax** 

\$PRO NAME[]=Name

**Explanation of** the syntax

Element	Description
Name	Type: CHAR
	Program name: max. 24 characters

#### 3.138 \$PRO\_NAME0[]

#### Description

Name of the selected program in the submit interpreter



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.



If the robot controller is operated in Multi-Submit mode (only possible with KUKA System Software 8.3 and higher), the variable is irrelevant. The system states of a robot controller in Multi-Submit mode are grouped in the variable \$PROG INFO[].

**Syntax** 

\$PRO\_NAME1[]=Name

# **Explanation of** the syntax

Element	Description
Name	Type: CHAR
	Program name: max. 24 characters

#### 3.139 \$PRO\_NAME1[]

# **Description**

Name of the selected program in the robot interpreter



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

#### **Syntax**

\$PRO NAME1[]=Name

# **Explanation of** the syntax

Element	Description
Name	Type: CHAR
	Program name: max. 24 characters

#### \$PRO\_STATE 3.140

## **Description**

Program state with reference to an interpreter

Depending on the specific interpreter, access to the information is as follows:

- The variable is write-protected.
- Reading the variable in a robot program refers to the state of the robot interpreter.
- Reading the variable in a submit program refers to the state of the associated submit interpreter.



Reading the variable by means of the variable correction function refers to the current value of \$INTERPRETER.

The possible values for \$INTERPRETER depend on the Submit mode that the robot controller is in.

Robot controller in Single Submit mode (default operating mode):

- 0: Submit interpreter
- 1: Robot interpreter

Robot controller in Multi-Submit mode (only possible with KUKA System Software 8.3 and higher):

- 1: Robot interpreter
- 2: System submit interpreter
- 3: Extended submit interpreter 1
- 4: Extended submit interpreter 2
- · ..
- 9: Extended submit interpreter 7

#### **Syntax**

\$PRO STATE=State

Element	Description
State	Type: ENUM
	An interpreter can have the following states:
	#P_ACTIVE: Program is selected and is running.
	#P_FREE: Program is deselected.
	#P_END: Program is selected and the end of the program has been reached.
	#P_RESET: Program is selected and has been stopped and reset.
	#P_STOP: Program is selected and has been stopped.

# 3.141 \$PRO\_STATE0

### **Description**

Program state in the submit interpreter

The status bar of the KUKA smartHMI contains a display of the state of the submit interpreter. \$PRO\_STATE0 reflects this state. The variable is write-protected.

If the robot controller is operated in Multi-Submit mode (only possible with KUKA System Software 8.3 and higher), the status bar contains a group indicator of the state of all submit interpreters. \$PRO\_STATE0 then reflects the state of the group indicator.

**Syntax** 

\$PRO\_STATE0=State



Element	Description
State	Type: ENUM
	In Single Submit mode, a submit interpreter can have the following states:
	#P_ACTIVE: Submit program is selected and is running.
	#P_FREE: Submit program is deselected.
	#P_END: Submit program is selected and the end of the program has been reached.
	#P_RESET: Submit program is selected and has been stopped and reset.
	#P_STOP: Submit program is selected and has been stopped.
	In Multi-Submit mode, a submit interpreter can have the following states:
	#P_ACTIVE: At least 1 submit program is selected and is running.
	#P_FREE: All submit programs are deselected.
	#P_RESET: At least 1 submit program is selected and has been stopped and reset.
	No submit interpreter is in the #P_ACTIVE or #P_STOP state.
	#P_STOP: At least 1 submit program is selected and has been stopped.
	No submit interpreter is in the #P_ACTIVE state.

#### 3.142 \$PRO\_STATE1

# **Description**

Program state in the robot interpreter



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

# **Syntax**

\$PRO STATE1=State

# **Explanation of** the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: ENUM
	A robot interpreter can have the following states:
	#P_ACTIVE: Robot program is selected and is running.
	#P_FREE: Robot program is deselected.
	#P_END: Robot program is selected and the end of the program has been reached.
	<ul> <li>#P_RESET: Robot program is selected and has been stopped and reset.</li> </ul>
	#P_STOP: Robot program is selected and has been stopped.

#### \$PROG\_INFO[] 3.143

**Description** 

System states of a robot controller in Multi-Submit mode



\$PROG\_INFO[] groups certain system states of a robot controller operated in Multi-Submit mode (only possible with KUKA System Software 8.3 and higher) together in a structure. The states refer to an interpreter.

**Syntax** 

\$PROG INFO[Interpreter] = Information

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Interpreter	Type: INT
	1: Robot interpreter
	<ul><li>2: System submit interpreter</li></ul>
	<ul><li>3: Extended submit interpreter 1</li></ul>
	<ul><li>4: Extended submit interpreter 2</li></ul>
	•
	<ul><li>9: Extended submit interpreter 7</li></ul>
Information	Type: Prog_Info
	List of the system states, referred to Interpreter

## Prog\_Info

STRUC Prog\_Info CHAR sel\_name[32], PRO\_STATE p\_state, PRO\_MODE p\_mode, CHAR pro\_ip\_name[32], INT pro\_ip\_snr

Element	Description
sel_name[]	Name of the selected program
p_state	Program state
	The possible values are the same as for \$PRO_STATE.
p_mode	Program run mode
	The possible values are the same as for \$PRO_MODE.
pro_ip_name[]	Name of the current module
pro_ip_snr	Current block in the current module

# Example

```
DEF myProgr()
...
WAIT FOR $PROG_INFO[4].P_STATE == #P_ACTIVE
```

Meaning: Wait until extended submit 2 has selected and started a program.

# 3.144 \$RCV\_INFO[]

Description

Version identifier of the kernel system

**Syntax** 

\$RCV INFO[] = "Identifier"

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Identifier	Type: CHAR
	Version identifier: max. 128 characters

## **Example**

\$RCV\_INFO[]="KS V8.2.111(krc1adm@deau1svr12pt-06) 1 Thu 29 Mar 2012 10:34:13 RELEASE"

The identifier consists of the following components:

- Kernel system version: KS V8.2.111
- Name of author: krc1adm



Name of computer: deau1svr12pt-06

■ Date and time of compilation: 29 March 2012 at 10.34 a.m.

# 3.145 \$RED\_VEL

**Description** Reduction factor for program override in the advance run

Syntax \$RED VEL=Reduction factor

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Reduction	Type: INT; unit: %
factor	<b>1</b> 100
	Default: 100

#### 

**Description** Reduction factor for program override in the main run

The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

**Syntax** \$RED\_VEL\_C=Reduction factor

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Reduction	Type: INT; unit: %
factor	<b>1</b> 100
	Default: 100

# 3.147 **\$REVO\_NUM[]**

**Description** Counter for infinitely rotating axes

**Syntax** \$REVO\_NUM [ Axis number] = Number

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Axis number	Type: INT
	■ 1 6: Robot axis A1 A6
	■ 7 12: External axis E1 E6
Number	Type: INT
	Number of revolutions

# 3.148 **\$RINT\_LIST[]**

**Description** Structure with the data for a robot interrupt

These data can be displayed via the variable correction function or by means of the diagnosis function in the main many.

of the diagnosis function in the main menu.

Precondition • "Expert" user group

Procedure In the main menu, select Diagnosis > Interrupts.





In robot and submit programs, a maximum of 32 interrupts can be declared simultaneously and up to 16 interrupts can be active at the same time.



Further information about interrupt programming is contained in the Operating and Programming Instructions for System Integrators.

## **Syntax**

\$RINT\_LIST[Index] = {INT\_PRIO Priority, INT\_STATE State, INT\_TYPE
Type, PROG LINE Line, PROG NAME[] "Name"}

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Index	Type: INT
	Index of the interrupt
	<b>1</b> 32
INT_PRIO	Type: INT
	Priority of the interrupt
	<b>1</b> , 2, 4 39
	<b>81 128</b>
INT_STATE	Bit array for interrupt states
	■ Bit 0 = 1: Interrupt is declared and activated.
	■ Bit 1 = 1: Interrupt is activated and enabled.
	■ Bit 2 = 1: Interrupt is globally declared.
INT_TYPE	Type: INT
	Type of interrupt
	O: Standard interrupt
	1: Interrupt due to an EMERGENCY STOP (\$EMSTOP)
	<ul> <li>2: Interrupt due to activation of the Fast Measurement inputs (\$MEAS_PULSE)</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>3: Interrupt due to an error stop (\$STOPMESS)</li></ul>
	<ul><li>4: Interrupt due to a trigger (subprogram call)</li></ul>
PROG_LINE	Type: INT
	Line number of the robot program in which the interrupt is declared
PROG_NAME	Type: CHAR
	Directory and name of the robot program in which the interrupt is declared: max. 32 characters

### 3.149 **\$ROB\_TIMER**

## **Description**

Clock generator for measuring program runtimes

The variable is write-protected and counts in a cycle of 1 ms.



\$ROB\_TIMER can only be assigned to an integer variable or compared with an integer variable. If a real variable is used, this results in values that are too high by a factor of around 100.

### **Syntax**

\$ROB TIMER=Number

Element	Description
Number	Type: INT
	Number of cycles

## 3.150 **\$ROBNAME[]**

**Description** User-defined robot name

The robot name entered in the robot data by the user is written to this variable.

Syntax \$ROBNAME[]="Name"

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Name	Type: CHAR
	Robot name: max. 50 characters

# 3.151 **\$ROBROOT\_C**

#### **Description**

ROBROOT coordinate system in the main run

The ROBROOT coordinate system is a Cartesian coordinate system, which is always located at the robot base. The variable of structure type FRAME defines the current position of the robot in relation to the WORLD coordinate system.

- X, Y, Z: Offset of the origin along the axes in [mm]
- A, B, C: Rotational offset of the axis angles in [°]



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

## 3.152 **\$ROBROOT\_KIN[]**

### **Description**

Information about the external ROBROOT kinematic system

The variable contains the name of the external kinematic system and a list of the external axes contained in the transformation. The name and the external axes contained in the transformation are defined in the machine data, e.g. \$ET1\_NAME and \$ET1\_AX.



Information about the individual machine data can be found in the documentation **Configuration of Kinematic Systems**.

**Syntax** 

\$ROBROOT KIN[]="Information"

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Information	Type: CHAR
	Name and external axes of the transformation: max. 29 characters

#### 3.153 \$ROBRUNTIME

**Description** Operating hours meter



The operating hours meter is running as long as the drives are switched on.

**Syntax** 

\$ROBRUNTIME=Operating hours

**Explanation of** the syntax

Element	Description
Operating hours	Type: INT; unit: min

#### 3.154 **\$ROBTRAFO[]**

**Description** 

Robot name

The variable contains the robot name programmed on the RDC. This name must match the name of the coordinate transformation specified in the machine data (variable \$TRAFONAME[] in the file ...R1\Mada\\$machine.dat).

**Syntax** 

\$ROBTRAFO[]="Name"

**Explanation of** the syntax

Element	Description
Name	Type: CHAR
	Robot name: max. 32 characters

#### 3.155 **\$ROTSYS**

**Description** 

Reference coordinate system for rotation in the advance run

The variable can be used to define the coordinate system in which the rotation (A, B, C) is executed in relative motions and in jogging.

**Syntax** 

\$ROTSYS=Reference system

**Explanation of** the syntax

Element	Description
Reference	Type: ENUM
system	#AS_TRA: Rotation in the coordinate system \$TRANS- SYS
	#BASE: Rotation in the BASE coordinate system
	#TCP: Rotation in the TOOL coordinate system
	Default: #AS_TRA

#### 3.156 \$ROTSYS\_C

**Description** 

Reference coordinate system for rotation in the main run

The variable contains the coordinate system in which the rotation (A, B, C) is

currently executed in relative motions and in jogging.



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

**Syntax** 

\$ROTSYS\_C=Reference system



Element	Description
Reference	Type: ENUM
system	#AS_TRA: Rotation in the coordinate system \$TRANS- SYS
	#BASE: Rotation in the BASE coordinate system
	#TCP: Rotation in the TOOL coordinate system
	Default: #AS_TRA

## 3.157 \$RUNTIME\_DATA0



This system variable is only available for reasons of compatibility. It is advisable to poll the runtime data via the variable \$ERR.

## **Description**

Structure with the runtime data of the submit interpreter

The variable can be used to display the runtime data via the variable correction function. The variable is write-protected.

### **Syntax**

\$RUNTIME\_DATA0={VISIBLE Visibility, NAME[] "Module", SNR Block
number}

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Visibility	Type: BOOL
	Visibility of the program in editor
	TRUE: Program is visible.
	FALSE: Program is not visible.
Module	Type: CHAR
	Name of the module in which the interpreter is situated: max. 32 characters
Block number	Type: INT
	Block number in which the interpreter is situated.

# 3.158 \$RUNTIME\_DATA1



This system variable is only available for reasons of compatibility. It is advisable to poll the runtime data via the variable \$ERR.

### **Description**

Structure with the runtime data of the robot interpreter

The variable can be used to display the runtime data via the variable correction function. The variable is write-protected.

### **Syntax**

\$RUNTIME\_DATA1={VISIBLE Visibility, NAME[] "Module", SNR Block
number}



Element	Description
Visibility	Type: BOOL
	Visibility of the program in editor
	TRUE: Program is visible.
	FALSE: Program is not visible.
Module	Type: CHAR
	Name of the module in which the interpreter is situated: max. 32 characters
Block number	Type: INT
	Block number in which the interpreter is situated.

### 3.159 \$RUNTIME\_ERROR0



This system variable is only available for reasons of compatibility. It is advisable to poll the runtime data via the variable \$ERR.

**Description** 

Runtime error of the submit interpreter

**Syntax** 

\$RUNTIME ERROR0=State

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	<ul> <li>TRUE: A runtime error has occurred.</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>FALSE: No runtime error has occurred.</li></ul>
	Default: FALSE

# 3.160 \$RUNTIME\_ERROR1



This system variable is only available for reasons of compatibility. It is advisable to poll the runtime data via the variable \$ERR.

**Description** 

Runtime error of the robot interpreter

**Syntax** 

\$RUNTIME\_ERROR1=State

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	<ul> <li>TRUE: A runtime error has occurred.</li> </ul>
	FALSE: No runtime error has occurred.
	Default: FALSE

# 3.161 \$RVM

## **Description**

Resonance avoidance for approximated motions

If a motion is approximated and the next motion is a PTP motion with exact positioning, this can result in resonance vibrations of axis A1 if the distance between the points is too small.



If the variable \$RVM is set to TRUE in the robot program, the motion time of the next motion sequence consisting of approximated motion and PTP motion with exact positioning is lengthened so that axis A1 no longer vibrates. The variable is then automatically reset to FALSE.



This variable must not be used in the Submit interpreter or in an interrupt program.

**Syntax** 

\$RVM=State

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	TRUE: Resonance avoidance is active.
	FALSE: Resonance avoidance is not active.
	Default: FALSE

## **Example**

```
$RVM=TRUE
...
PTP P5 C_PTP
LIN P6
...
LIN P10 C_DIS
PTP P11
...
```

Resonance avoidance does not take effect until the 2nd motion sequence in this program example. It has no effect on the 1st motion sequence because the exact positioning motion to which approximate positioning is carried out is a LIN motion.

# 3.162 \$SAFETY\_DRIVES\_ENABLED

**Description** Drives enable of the safety controller

The variable indicates whether the safety controller has enabled the drives.

Syntax \$SAFETY\_DRIVES\_ENABLED=State

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	TRUE: Drives are enabled.
	FALSE: Drives are not enabled.
	Default: FALSE

## 3.163 **\$SAFETY\_SW**

**Description** State of the enabling switches

Syntax \$SAFETY\_SW=State



Element	Description
State	Type: ENUM
	#PRESSED: An enabling switch is pressed (center position).
	#RELEASED: No enabling switch is pressed or an en- abling switch is fully pressed (panic position).

#### \$SAFE\_FS\_STATE 3.164

**Description** Status of the safety controller

> The variable indicates whether the safety controller is running without errors. If the variable switches to TRUE, safe monitoring of the failsafe state has been activated and the safety controller is no longer operational.

**Syntax** \$SAFE FS STATE=State

**Explanation of** the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	<ul> <li>TRUE: The safety controller is not operable.</li> </ul>
	FALSE: The safety controller is running without errors.
	Default: FALSE

#### 3.165 \$SAFE\_IBN

**Description** Activation of Start-up mode

> The variable is written to if Start-up mode is activated or deactivated via the main menu on the smartHMI.

Switching to Start-up mode is allowed: \$SAFE IBN ALLOWED=TRUE

Precondition **Syntax** 

\$SAFE IBN=State

**Explanation of** the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	TRUE: Start-up mode is active.
	FALSE: Start-up mode is not active.
	Default: FALSE

#### 3.166 \$SAFE\_IBN\_ALLOWED

**Description** Switching to Start-up mode allowed?

> The variable indicates whether switching to Start-up mode is currently allowed. Only if this is the case can Start-up mode be activated via the main menu on the smartHMI. The variable is write-protected.

**Syntax** \$SAFE IBN ALLOWED=State



Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	TRUE: Start-up mode is allowed.
	FALSE: Start-up mode is not allowed.
	Default: FALSE

#### 

**Description** Exchange of integer values via a sensor interface

The sensor is used to transmit integer values to a sensor via an interface or to

receive integer values from a sensor.

Syntax \$SEN PINT[Index] = Value

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Index	Type: INT
	Index of the variable
	<b>1</b> 20
Value	Type: INT

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The variable \$SEN\_PINT\_C[] has no relation to the main run. It is used in exactly the same way as the variable \$SEN\_PINT[].

**Description** 

Exchange of integer values via a sensor interface

The sensor is used to transmit integer values to a sensor via an interface or to receive integer values from a sensor.

Syntax

\$SEN PINT C[Index] = Value

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Index	Type: INT
	Index of the variable
	<b>1</b> 20
Value	Type: INT

#### 

**Description** Exchange of real values via a sensor interface

The sensor is used to transmit real values to a sensor via an interface or to

receive real values from a sensor.

Syntax \$SEN\_PREA[Index] = Value



Element	Description
Index	Type: INT
	Index of the variable
	<b>1</b> 20
Value	Type: REAL

#### 



The variable \$SEN\_PREA\_C[] has no relation to the main run. It is used in exactly the same way as the variable \$SEN\_PREA[].

### **Description**

Exchange of real values via a sensor interface

The sensor is used to transmit real values to a sensor via an interface or to receive real values from a sensor.

## **Syntax**

\$SEN PREA C[Index] = Value

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Index	Type: INT
	Index of the variable
	<b>1</b> 20
Value	Type: REAL

#### 

**Description** 

Simulation of the axis motions

**Syntax** 

\$SERVO\_SIM=State

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	<ul> <li>TRUE: Simulation is active.</li> </ul>
	FALSE: No simulation active.
	Default: FALSE

# 3.172 **\$SET\_IO\_SIZE**



This system variable is only available for reasons of compatibility. The number of digital I/Os available can be monitored directly via the variables \$NUM IN/\$NUM OUT.

# **Description**

Number of digital inputs/outputs available

- KUKA System Software 8.1: up to 4,096 digital I/Os
- KUKA System Software 8.2 and higher: up to 8,192 digital I/Os



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

**Syntax** 

\$SET IO SIZE=Number

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Number	Type: INT
	<b>1</b> : 1 1 024
	<b>2</b> : 1 2 048
	<b>4</b> : 1 4 096
	<b>8</b> : 1 8 192 (KSS 8.2 and higher)
	Default: 4

# 3.173 **\$SINGUL\_DIST[]**

#### **Description**

Standardized distance from the singularity

The variable specifies the standardized distance of the current robot position from the singularity in question. The variable is write-protected.

If the standardized distance at a robot position ≤1 and this position is used as a Cartesian end point of a PTP motion, the robot controller calculates the ambiguous axis angles according to the strategy defined with \$SINGUL\_POS[] in the machine data (variable in the file ...R1\Mada\\$machine.dat).

#### **Syntax**

\$SINGUL DIST[Index] = Distance

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Index	Type: INT
	Type of singularity position:
	1: Overhead singularity \$SINGUL_POS[1]
	Extended position singularity \$SINGUL_POS[2]
	<b>3</b> : Wrist axis singularity \$SINGUL_POS[3]
Distance	Type: INT
	Standardized distance from the specified singularity

## 3.174 \$SINT\_LIST[]

### **Description**

Structure with the data for a submit interpreter

These data can be displayed via the variable correction function or by means of the diagnosis function in the main menu.

#### Precondition

"Expert" user group

#### **Procedure**

In the main menu, select Diagnosis > Interrupts.



In robot and submit programs, a maximum of 32 interrupts can be declared simultaneously and up to 16 interrupts can be active at the same time.



Further information about interrupt programming is contained in the Operating and Programming Instructions for System Integrators.

#### **Syntax**

\$SINT\_LIST[Index] = {INT\_PRIO Priority, INT\_STATE State, INT\_TYPE Type, PROG LINE Line, PROG NAME[] "Name"}



Element	Description
Index	Type: INT
	Index of the interrupt
	<b>1</b> 32
INT_PRIO	Type: INT
	Priority of the interrupt
	<b>1</b> , 2, 4 39
	<b>81 128</b>
INT_STATE	Bit array for interrupt states
	■ Bit 0 = 1: Interrupt is declared and activated.
	■ Bit 1 = 1: Interrupt is activated and enabled.
	■ Bit 2 = 1: Interrupt is globally declared.
INT_TYPE	Type: INT
	Type of interrupt
	0: Standard interrupt
	1: Interrupt due to an EMERGENCY STOP (\$EMSTOP)
	<ul> <li>2: Interrupt due to activation of the Fast Measurement inputs (\$MEAS_PULSE)</li> </ul>
	3: Interrupt due to an error stop (\$STOPMESS)
	4: Interrupt due to a trigger (subprogram call)
PROG_LINE	Type: INT
	Line number of the submit program in which the interrupt is declared
PROG_NAME	Type: CHAR
	Directory and name of the submit program in which the interrupt is declared: max. 32 characters

# 3.175 \$SOFTPLCBOOL[]

## **Description**

Exchange of Boolean values between ProConOS and the robot controller

With the aid of function blocks of the Mulitprog library KrcExVarLib, individual or multiple values can be read from the array variable or written to the array variable.



Further information about the function blocks can be found in the  ${\bf KU-KA.PLC}$   ${\bf Multiprog}$  documentation.

# **Syntax**

\$SOFTPLCBOOL[Index] = Value

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Index	Type: INT
	Index of the variable
	<b>1</b> 1024
Value	Type: BOOL



# 3.176 \$SOFTPLCINT[]

### **Description**

Exchange of integer values between ProConOS and the robot controller

With the aid of function blocks of the Mulitprog library KrcExVarLib, individual or multiple values can be read from the array variable or written to the array variable.



Further information about the function blocks can be found in the **KU-KA.PLC Multiprog** documentation.

### **Syntax**

\$SOFTPLCINT[Index] = Value

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Index	Type: INT
	Index of the variable
	<b>1</b> 1024
Value	Type: INT

# 3.177 \$SOFTPLCREAL[]

### **Description**

Exchange of real values between ProConOS and the robot controller

With the aid of function blocks of the Mulitprog library KrcExVarLib, individual or multiple values can be read from the array variable or written to the array variable.



Further information about the function blocks can be found in the **KU-KA.PLC Multiprog** documentation.

## **Syntax**

\$SOFTPLCREAL[Index] = Value

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Index	Type: INT
	Index of the variable
	<b>1</b> 1024
Value	Type: REAL

## 3.178 \$SOFT\_PLC\_EVENT[]

**Description** 

Event tasks of the Soft PLC (ProConOS)

The variable can be used to call the mapped ProConOS events 0 to 7. The

event tasks are triggered by a positive edge of the variable.

**Syntax** 

\$SOFT PLC EVENT[Index] = State



Element	Description
Index	Type: INT
	Index of the variable
	<b>1 8</b> : ProConOS events 0 7 (= KRC event bits 0 7)
State	Type: BOOL
	<ul> <li>TRUE: Event has been called.</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>FALSE: No event has been called.</li></ul>

#### 

### **Description**

Function parameters of the spline function generator in the advance run

The variable can be used to program up to 6 spline function generators. A spline function generator is active in the case of SPLINE, SLIN and SCIRC and approximation of these spline motions. Only the main run variables are evaluated.

The function parameters can be modified in the robot program relative to the advance run.



The validity of the variable is reset after planning of a spline motion. If \$SPL\_TECH[] is displayed using the variable correction function, only the components of the next planned spline are visible.

#### **Syntax**

\$SPL\_TECH[Index] = Parameters

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Index	Type: INT
	Number of the function generator:
	<b>1</b> 6
Parameters	Type: Spl_Tech
	Definition of the function parameters and programming of the function evaluation

# Spl\_Tech

STRUC Spl\_Tech BOOL hand\_weaving, REAL lim\_full\_hand\_weaving, lim\_no\_hand\_weaving, TECHMODE mode, TECHCLASS class, SPL\_TECHSYS ref\_sys, SPL\_FCTCTRL fct-ctrl, SPL\_TECHFCT fct, REAL fade\_in, fade\_out

Element	Description
hand_ weaving	Activation of wrist axis weaving. This can prevent the robot from vibrating during weaving.
	<ul> <li>TRUE: Wrist axis weaving is activated.</li> </ul>
	FALSE: Wrist axis weaving is deactivated.
	Default: FALSE

Element	Description
lim_full_ hand_ weaving	Limitation of the deviation from the programmed correction direction during wrist axis weaving. Only positive angles can be programmed. (unit: °)
lim_no_ hand_ weaving	<ul> <li>If the deviation is less than the angle         <pre>lim_full_hand_weaving, only the wrist axis weaving correction is calculated.     </pre></li> <li>If the deviation is greater than the angle         <pre>lim_full_hand_weaving, but still less than</pre></li></ul>
mode	Technology mode – type of function evaluation
	<ul> <li>#OFF: No function evaluation</li> <li>#SINGLE: The function is evaluated once.</li> <li>#CYCLE: The function is evaluated cyclically.</li> </ul>
class	Technology class – input variable for the spline function generator  #PATH: The input variable is the arc length of a spline
	motion \$DISTANCE (unit: mm)  #SYSTIME: The input variable is the system time (unit: ms)
ref_sys	Structure for definition of the reference coordinate system for geometric weaving of the spline function generator
	STRUC Spl_Techsys TECHSYS sys, TECHANGLE angles, TECHGEOREF georef
	<ul> <li>Reference coordinate system selection (TECHSYS sys)</li> </ul>
	#WORLD
	<ul><li>#BASE</li><li>#ROBROOT</li></ul>
	■ #TCP
	<ul> <li>#TTS</li> <li>Rotation of the reference coordinate system (TECHAN-GLE Angles; type: REAL; unit: °)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>A, B, C: Angles about which the Z, Y and X axes of the reference coordinate system are rotated</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Reference coordinate system axis used for weaving (TECHGEOREF Georef)</li> </ul>
	#NONE: Thermal weaving, not mechanical weaving, is carried out. This means, the weave pattern is not executed; instead, only the function value is written to the variable \$TECHVAL[].
	#X, #Y, #Z: During weaving, the TCP is offset by the function value in the direction of the X, Y or Z axis of the reference coordinate system.
	#A, #B, #C: These components are not permissible.



Element	Description
fctctrl	Control structure for the weave parameters of the spline function generator
	STRUC Spl_Fctctrl BOOL adjust_wavelength, REAL scale_in, scale_out, offset_out
	BOOL adjust_wavelength: The wavelength scale_in can be adapted to an integer multiple of the remaining path for a single spline block (= TRUE)
	REAL scale_in: wavelength of the weave pattern
	REAL scale_out: amplitude of the weave pattern
	<ul> <li>REAL offset_out: position of the weave pattern, e.g.:</li> <li>\$SPL_TECH[1].FCTCTRL.OFFSET_OUT = 0.0:         The zero point of the weave motion is on the spline path.     </li> </ul>
fct	Structure for defining the weave pattern for the spline function generator
	STRUC Spl_TechFct SPL_TECHFCT_MODE mode, TECHFCT Polynomial, SPL_FCTDEF fct_def, REAL blend_in, blend_out, phase_shift
	<ul> <li>ENUM for specification of the weave pattern type (SPL_TECHFCT_MODE mode)</li> </ul>
	#FCT_POLYNOMIAL: polynomial with control points
	<ul> <li>#FCT_SIN: asymmetrical sine (both half-waves can have different amplitudes and wavelengths)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Structure for defining the weave parameters for the weave pattern type #FCT_POLYNOMIAL (TECHFCT Polynomial)</li> </ul>
	(>>> "TechFct" Page 102)
	<ul> <li>Structure for defining the weave parameters for the weave pattern type #FCT_SIN (SPL_FCTDEF fct_def)</li> <li>(&gt;&gt;&gt; "Spl_FctDef" Page 102)</li> </ul>
	REAL blend_in: if the weave parameters are modified, it specifies the fraction of the wavelength at which weav- ing starts to deviate from the original pattern.
	<ul> <li>REAL blend_out: if the weave parameters are modified, it specifies the fraction of the wavelength at which a transition to the new pattern is started.</li> </ul>
	REAL phase_shift: phase offset for execution of the weave pattern, e.g.:
	\$SPL_TECH[1].FCT.PHASE_SHIFT = 0.0: Weaving commences at the start of the spline path.
	<b>Note</b> : The definition range and range of values of the function fct are defined as follows:
	Definition range: 0 1
	Range of values: -1 +1

Element	Description
fade_in	Smoothing length for start of weaving and end of weaving
fade_out	<b>0.0</b> 1.0
	For a defined interval after the start and before the end, the specified weave pattern is multiplied by an S-shaped function with values rising from 0 to 1.
	The length of these intervals is defined using fade_in and fade_out. The longer the interval, the smoother the motion.

## **TechFct**

STRUC TechFct INT order, cpnum, TECHCPS cps1, cps2, cps3, cps4, cps5, SPL\_TECH\_BOUND bound\_cond

Element	Description
order	Degree of interpolation during spline evaluation
	<ul> <li>1: Weave pattern is defined by a polygon (sufficient in the case of thermal weaving alone)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>3: Weave pattern is defined by a cubic spline (required in the case of mechanical weaving)</li> </ul>
	<b>Note</b> : If a polygon is sufficiently smooth for mechanical weaving due to utilization of the maximum number of control points, degree of interpolation 1 is also allowed).
cpnum	Total number of valid control points with reference to the following 4 control point structures
	<b>2</b> 40
	<b>Note</b> : No gaps are allowed between the valid control points.
cps1	List with control points 1 10 (type: REAL)
	<b>X1, Y1, X10, Y10</b>
cps2	List with control points 11 20 (type: REAL)
	X1, Y1, X10, Y10
cps3	List with control points 21 30 (type: REAL)
	<b>X1, Y1, X10, Y10</b>
cps4	List with control points 31 40 (type: REAL)
	X1, Y1, X10, Y10
cps5	This component cannot be written, as the number of control points is limited to 40.
bound_cond	Boundary conditions for a cubic spline (only relevant for degree of interpolation 3)
	<ul> <li>#CYCLIC: Cyclical boundary conditions (required in the case of mechanical weaving)</li> </ul>
	#NATURAL: Natural boundary conditions (sufficient in the case of thermal weaving alone)

# Spl\_FctDef

STRUC Spl FctDef REAL amplitude1, amplitude2, wavelength ratio



Element	Description
amplitude1	Amplitude of the 1st half-wave of the asymmetrical sine (unit: dependent on the input size)
amplitude2	Amplitude of the 2nd half-wave of the asymmetrical sine (unit: dependent on the input size)
wavelength _ratio	Ratio of the wavelengths of the 2nd half-wave to the wavelength of the 1st half-wave

## 3.180 \$SPL TECH C[]

### Description

Function parameters of the spline function generator in the main run

The variable can be used to program up to 6 spline function generators. A spline function generator is active in the case of SPLINE, SLIN and SCIRC and approximation of these spline motions. Only the main run variables are evaluated.

The function parameters can be modified relative to the main run by means of triggers, interrupts and the variable correction function. The modifications are retained after a block change if these parameters have not been reprogrammed in the advance run.



The variable contains the currently used data of a spline function generator. This has the following effect:

- If the variable is modified, e.g. by a trigger, the change cannot be read immediately, but only after it has been accepted by the function generator.
- In the case of a multidimensional function generator, this refers to the shared data of the function generator acting as the master. (>>> 3.181 "\$SPL\_TECH\_LINK" Page 104)

#### **Syntax**

\$SPL\_TECH\_C [Index] = Parameters

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Index	Type: INT
	Number of the function generator:
	<b>1</b> 6
Parameters	Type: Spl_Tech
	Definition of the function parameters and programming of the function evaluation

#### Spl Tech

Declaration of the structure and description of the structure elements: (>>> "Spl Tech" Page 99)

### **Example**

```
$SPL_TECH[1].FCTCTRL.SCALE_OUT=10.0

TRIGGER WHEN PATH=-100 DELAY=0 DO

$SPL_TECH_C[1].FCTCTRL.SCALE_OUT=20.0

SLIN XP1

SLIN XP2
```

The weave amplitude SCALE\_OUT changes with SLIN XP1 from 10 to 20. For SLIN XP2, also, the amplitude of 20 remains valid.

If, for SLIN XP2, the original weave amplitude of 10 is to apply again, this must be explicitly programmed:



```
$$PL_TECH[1].FCTCTRL.SCALE_OUT=10.0

TRIGGER WHEN PATH=-100 DELAY=0 DO

$$PL_TECH_C[1].FCTCTRL.SCALE_OUT=20.0

$LIN XP1

$$PL_TECH[1].FCTCTRL.SCALE_OUT=10.0

$LIN XP2
```

### 3.181 \$SPL\_TECH\_LINK

#### Description

Shared function parameters of the spline function generators in the advance

The variable of type Spl\_Tech\_Map can be used to link and unlink spline function generators in the robot program, relative to the advance run.

Multidimensional function generators share the following function parameters:

Linked function generators	Parameter
are activated together and deactivated together.	MODE
have a shared wavelength.	FCTCTRL.SCALE_IN
	FCTCTRL.ADJUST_WAVELENGTH
require the same length of time to reach their	FADE_IN
full amplitude and to come back down from it.	FADE_OUT
use the same input parameters, arc length or time.	CLASS
use the same reference coordinate system for the geometric correction.	REF_SYS.SYS
use wrist axis weaving together.	HAND_WEAVING
	HAND_WEAVING_MAX_ADJUST



Wrist axis weaving is only possible for 2-dimensional function generators.

### Spl\_Tech\_Map

```
STRUC Spl Tech Map INT FG1, FG2, FG3, FG4, FG5, FG6
```

In order to link function generator x with function generator y, component FGx is assigned the integer value y. This means that function generator x uses the data of function generator y. Function generator y acts as the master. If x=y, function generator x is not linked.

## **Example**

```
$SPL_TECH_LINK={FG1 1, FG2 1, FG3 1, FG4 4, FG5 5, FG6 6}
```

Function generators 1 to 3 are linked. Shared data are taken from function generator 1. Function generators 4 to 6 work without coupling.

Links across multiple stations, such as in the following example, are not permissible:

```
$SPL_TECH_LINK={FG1 2, FG2 3, FG3 3, FG4 4, FG5 5, FG6 6}
```

If function generator 1 refers to function generator 2, function generator 2 cannot simultaneously refer to function generator 3.

### 3.182 \$SPL\_TECH\_LINK\_C

#### Description

Shared function parameters of the spline function generators in the main run



The variable of type Spl\_Tech\_Map can be used to link and unlink spline function generators by means of triggers or interrupts, relative to the main run.



A new component can only be added to a multidimensional function generator relative to the main run, or be removed again, if the multidimensional function generator is not currently active.

Spl\_Tech\_Map

Declaration of the structure and description of the linking:

(>>> "Spl Tech Map" Page 104)

#### 

#### Description

Position of the reference coordinate system of a spline function generator relative to BASE

The variable contains the current position of the reference coordinate system of a function generator relative to the BASE coordinate system. The position is calculated for both active and inactive function generators in the spline interpolator. The variable is write-protected.

In the case of a PTP, LIN or CIRC motion, the variable loses its validity. This also applies if a program is reset or deselected.

**Syntax** 

\$SPL TSYS[Index] = Position

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Index	Type: INT
	Number of the function generator:
	<b>1</b> 6
Position	Type: FRAME
	X, Y, Z: Offset of the origin along the axes in [mm]
	A, B, C: Rotational offset of the axis angles in [°]

# 3.184 \$SPL\_VEL\_MODE - KUKA System Software 8.2 and higher

**Description** Motion profile for spline motions

In the robot program, the variable triggers an advance run stop.

**Syntax** \$SPL\_VEL\_MODE=Motion profile

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Motion profile	Type: ENUM
	#OPT: Higher motion profile
	This motion profile is activated by default when System Software 8.2 or higher is installed for the first time.
	#CART: Conventional motion profile
	This motion profile is activated by default if System Software 8.1 had previously been installed before the installation of System Software 8.2 or higher.

### 3.185 \$SPL\_VEL\_RESTR - KUKA System Software 8.2 and higher

**Description** Activation of Cartesian limits for spline motions with higher motion profile



The higher motion profile enables the robot controller already to take axis-specific limits into consideration during path planning, and not wait until they are detected by monitoring functions during execution. All applications can generally be executed faster with the higher motion profile.

The variable can be used to activate further Cartesian limits. In the robot program, the variable triggers an advance run stop.

Precondition

The higher motion profile is active: \$SPL\_VEL\_MODE=#OPT

**Syntax** 

\$SPL VEL RESTR=Limits

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Limits	Type: Spl_Vel_Restr_Struc
	The restrictions are deactivated by default. #ON activates them; #OFF deactivates them.

# Spl\_Vel\_Restr \_Struc

STRUC Spl\_Vel\_Restr\_Struc SW\_ONOFF ori\_vel, cart\_acc, ori\_acc, cart\_jerk, ori\_jerk, rob\_acc, rob\_jerk

Element	Description
ori_vel	Maximum orientation velocity
cart_acc	Maximum Cartesian acceleration
ori_acc	Maximum orientation acceleration
cart_jerk	Maximum Cartesian jerk
ori_jerk	Maximum orientation jerk
rob_acc	Maximum acceleration of the robot axes
rob_jerk	Maximum jerk of the robot axes

#### **Example**

\$SPL VEL RESTR={ORI VEL=#OFF, CART ACC=#ON, ..., ROB JERK=#OFF}

### 3.186 **\$STOPMB\_ID**

**Description** 

Identification of the mailbox for stop messages

The variable is write-protected and required for reading the mailbox contents with the MBX REC function.

**Syntax** 

\$STOPMB ID=Identifier

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Identifier	Type: INT

#### 3.187 \$STOPNOAPROX

Description

Message type in the case of "approximation not possible"

In modes T1 and T2, \$STOPNOAPROX determines the message type for messages 1123, 1442 and 2920:

- Either notification message that does not trigger a stop
- Or acknowledgement message that triggers a stop

**Syntax** 

\$STOPNOAPROX=State



Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	■ TRUE
	<ul> <li>Operating mode T1 or T2: Acknowledgement message</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Operating mode AUT or AUT EXT: Notification message</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>FALSE: Notification message only</li></ul>
	Default: FALSE

# 3.188 \$TECH[]

# Description

Function parameters of the function generator in the advance run

The variable can be used to program up to 6 function generators. The function generator is only active for CP motions; only the main run variables are evaluated.

The function parameters can be modified in the robot program relative to the advance run.

# **Syntax**

\$TECH [Index] =Parameter

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Index	Type: INT
	Number of the function generator
	<b>1</b> 6
Parameter	Type: Tech
	Definition of the function parameters and programming of the function evaluation

#### Tech

STRUC Tech TECHMODE mode, TECHCLASS class, TECHFCTCTRL fctctrl, TECHFCT fct

Element	Description
mode	Technology mode – type of function evaluation
	#OFF: No function evaluation
	#SINGLE: The function is evaluated once.
	#CYCLE: The function is evaluated cyclically.
class	Technology class – input variable for the function generator
	#PATH: The input variable is the arc length of a CP motion \$DISTANCE (unit: mm)
	#SYSTIME: The input variable is the system time (unit: ms)
	#VEL: The input variable is the current path velocity \$VEL_ACT (unit: m/s)
	#SENSOR: The input variable is the variable \$TE- CHIN[]. Depending on the input values, the robot per- forms a position correction.
	#DATALINK: The input variable is a correction frame that is written by the sensor task. Depending on the in- put values, the robot performs a correction.

Element	Description
fctctrl	Control structure for the parameters of the function generator
	STRUC Fctctrl REAL scale_in, scale_out, offset_in, offset_out, TECHGEOREF georef
	<ul> <li>REAL scale_in: scales the definition range of the function</li> </ul>
	REAL scale_out: scales the range of values of the function
	<ul> <li>REAL offset_in: offsets the zero point of the definition range of the function</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>REAL offset_out: offsets the zero point of the range of values of the function</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>TECHGEOREF georef: ENUM for the geometric reference of the technology function (&gt;&gt;&gt; "GeoRef" Page 108)</li> </ul>
	<b>Note</b> : The offsets and scaling refer to the technology class. The technology class is the input variable of the function generator.
fct	Structure for defining the function parameters of the function generator
	(>>> "TechFct" Page 108)
	<b>Note</b> : The definition range and range of values of the function fct are defined as follows:
	Definition range: 0 1
	Range of values: -1 +1

# GeoRef

Parameter	Description
#NONE	The programmed function is evaluated, but not carried out. The function value is written to the variable \$TECHVAL[].
	<b>Exception</b> : If the technology class #SENSOR is used, the parameter has the effect that no function evaluation is carried out.
#X, #Y, #Z	Axis of the reference coordinate system (programmed by means of \$TECHSYS and \$TECHANGLE) used for weaving or sensor correction
	<ul> <li>During weaving or sensor correction, the TCP is offset by the function value in the direction of the X, Y or Z axis of the reference coordinate system.</li> </ul>
#A, #B, #C	Only relevant if the technology class #SENSOR is used
	Axis angle of the reference coordinate system (programmed by means of \$TECHSYS and \$TECHANGLE) used for sensor correction
	<ul> <li>The orientation of the TCP changes: rotation by the function value about the Z, Y or X axis of the reference coordinate system (always in the mathematically posi- tive direction)</li> </ul>

## TechFct

STRUC TechFct INT order, cpnum, TECHCPS cps1, cps2, cps3, cps4, cps5



Element	Description
order	Degree of interpolation during function evaluation
	1: Function is defined by a polygon
cpnum	Total number of valid control points with reference to the following 5 control point structures
	<b>2</b> 50
	<b>Note</b> : No gaps are allowed between the valid control points.
cps1	List with control points 1 10 (type: REAL)
	■ X1, Y1, X10, Y10
cps2	List with control points 11 20 (type: REAL)
	■ X1, Y1, X10, Y10
cps3	List with control points 21 30 (type: REAL)
	■ X1, Y1, X10, Y10
cps4	List with control points 31 40 (type: REAL)
	■ X1, Y1, X10, Y10
cps5	List with control points 41 50 (type: REAL)
	■ X1, Y1, X10, Y10

### **Example**

Using a distance sensor, a correction of max. ±20 mm is to be made in the Z direction of the TTS. The analog sensor input delivers a voltage between -10 V and +10 V; this should be adjusted to 0 V (factor = 0.1; offset = 1.0).

```
1 SIGNAL Correction $ANIN[2]
3 INTERRUPT DECL 1 WHEN $TECHVAL[1] > 20.0 DO Upper Limit()
4 INTERRUPT DECL 2 WHEN $TECHVAL[1] < -20.0 DO Lower Limit()
5
6 ANIN ON $TECHIN[1] = Factor * Correction + Offset
8 $TECHSYS = #TTS
9 $TECH[1].FTCCTRL.GEOREF = #Z
10
11 $TECH.CLASS = #SENSOR
12
13 $TECH[1].FCTCTRL.SCALE IN = 2.0
14 $TECH[1].FCTCTRL.OFFSET IN = 0.0
15 $TECH[1].FCTCTRL.SCALE OUT = 2.0
16 $TECH[1].FCTCTRL.OFFSET OUT = 0.0
17 $TECH[1].FCT.ORDER = 1
18 TECH[1].FCT.CPNUM = 3
19 $TECH[1].FCT.CPS1.X1 = 0.0
20 TECH[1].FCT.CPS1.Y1 = -1.0
21 \ \text{STECH[1].FCT.CPS1.X2} = 0.5
22 $TECH[1].FCT.CPS1.Y2 = 0.0
23 $TECH[1].FCT.CPS1.Y3 = 3.0
24 \ \text{$TECHPAR}[1,1] = 0.056
25
26 PTP Go to Workpiece
27 INTERRUPT ON 1
28 INTERRUPT ON 2
30 TECH[1].MODE = #CYCLE
31 LIN P1 C_DIS
```

```
32 LIN P2 C_DIS
33 LIN P3
34
35 TECH[1].MODE = #OFF
36 LIN_REL {X 0.0}
37
38 ANIN OFF Correction
```

Line	Description
1	Sensor at analog input 2
3, 4	Interrupts for monitoring the sensor correction
6	Cyclical reading of the analog input is started and the input value \$TECHIN[1] is standardized to between 0.0 and 2.0.
8, 9	Correction in the Z direction of the TTS
13	Function generator with sensor correction functionality
14 23	Control parameters of the function generator
24	Smoothing constant (unit: s)
26 28	A motion is executed to a defined point in front of the work- piece and the interrupts for monitoring the sensor correction are activated.
30	Sensor correction is activated.
35	Sensor correction is deactivated.
36	The zero block is used to apply the advance run data to the main run data. This deactivates the function generator.
38	Cyclical reading of the analog input is started.

## 3.189 \$TECH\_C[]

#### **Description**

Function parameters of the function generator in the main run

The variable can be used to program up to 6 function generators. The function generator is only active for CP motions; only the main run variables are evaluated.

The function parameters can be modified relative to the main run by means of triggers, interrupts and the variable correction function. The modifications are retained after a block change if these parameters have not been reprogrammed in the advance run.



The variable contains the currently used data of a function generator. This has the following effect:

If the variable is modified, e.g. by a trigger, the change cannot be read immediately, but only after it has been accepted by the function generator.

**Syntax** 

\$TECH C[Index] = Parameter



Element	Description
Index	Type: INT
	Number of the function generator
	<b>1</b> 6
Parameter	Type: Tech
	Definition of the function parameters and programming of the function evaluation

Tech

Declaration of the structure TECH and description of the structure elements: (>>> "Tech" Page 107)

#### 3.190 \$TECHANGLE

## **Description**

Rotation of the reference coordinate system of a function generator in the advance run

The variable can be used to define the orientation of the reference coordinate system defined by \$TECHSYS and to modify it, relative to the advance run, in the robot program.



This variable is not relevant for spline function generators.

#### **Syntax**

 $TECHANGLE = \{A + z, B + y, C + x\}$ 

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
A	Type: REAL; unit: °
В	Angle about which the Z, Y or X axis of the reference coor-
С	dinate system is rotated (only positive direction permissible)

### 3.191 \$TECHANGLE\_C

#### **Description**

Rotation of the reference coordinate system of a function generator in the main run

The variable can be used to define the orientation of the reference coordinate system defined by \$TECHSYS and to modify it, relative to the main run, by means of triggers, interrupts and the variable correction function. The modifications are retained after a block change if the orientation has not been reprogrammed in the advance run.



This variable is not relevant for spline function generators.

#### **Syntax**

\$TECHANGLE  $C=\{A + z, B + y, C + x\}$ 

Element	Description
А	Type: REAL; unit: °
В	Angle about which the Z, Y or X axis of the reference coor-
С	dinate system is rotated (only positive direction permissible)



### 3.192 **\$TECHIN[]**

### **Description**

Input value for the function generator

The variable forms the interface between the analog sensor inputs of the robot controller and the function generator.

Data are written to this variable cyclically using the following statement:

Example of a sensor at analog input 2:

```
SIGNAL Korrektur $ANIN[2]

ANIN ON $TECHIN[1] = Faktor * Korrektur + Offset
```

It is not possible to write data directly to the variable from the robot program.



This variable is not relevant for spline function generators.

#### Precondition

Technology class #SENSOR (>>> "Tech" Page 107)

#### **Syntax**

\$TECHIN[Index] = Input value

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Index	Type: INT
	Number of the function generator
	<b>1</b> 6
Input value	Type: REAL
	Value loaded via the sensor input.

## 3.193 **\$TECHPAR[]**

#### **Description**

Parameters of the function generator in the advance run

The variable can be used to define up to 10 input or output parameters of a function generator. If a parameter is used to output function generator states, the current parameter value can be found in the main run variable.

The variable can be modified in the robot program relative to the advance run.



This variable is not relevant for spline function generators.

#### **Syntax**

\$TECHPAR [ Index 1, Index 2] = Parameter value

Element	Description
Index 1	Type: INT
	Number of the function generator
	<b>1</b> 6
Index 2	Type: INT
	Number of the parameter
	<b>1</b> 10
Parameter value	Type: REAL



### 3.194 **\$TECHPAR\_C**[]

#### **Description**

Parameters of the function generator in the main run

The variable can be used to define up to 10 input or output parameters of a function generator. If a parameter is used to output function generator states, the current parameter value can be found in the main run variable.

The function parameters can be modified relative to the main run by means of triggers, interrupts and the variable correction function.



This variable is not relevant for spline function generators.

#### **Syntax**

\$TECHPAR C[Index 1, Index 2] = Parameter value

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Index 1	Type: INT
	Number of the function generator
	<b>1</b> 6
Index 2	Type: INT
	Number of the parameter
	<b>1</b> 10
Parameter value	Type: REAL

#### 3.195 **\$TECHSYS**

## **Description**

Reference coordinate system of a function generator in the advance run

The variable is used to define the reference coordinate system to which the function values calculated by the function generator refer.

The variable can be modified in the robot program relative to the advance run.



This variable is not relevant for spline function generators.

#### **Syntax**

\$TECHSYS=Coordinate system

#### Precondition

GEOREF<>#NONE

(>>> "GeoRef" Page 108)

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Coordinate system	Type: ENUM
	#BASE
	#ROBROOT
	#TCP
	#TTS
	#WORLD

#### 3.196 **\$TECHSYS\_C**

Description

Reference coordinate system of a function generator in the main run



The variable is used to define the reference coordinate system to which the function values calculated by the function generator refer.

The variable can be modified relative to the main run by means of triggers, interrupts and the variable correction function. The modification is retained after a block change if the reference coordinate system has not been reprogrammed in the advance run.



This variable is not relevant for spline function generators.

#### Precondition

#### GEOREF<>#NONE

(>>> "GeoRef" Page 108)

#### **Syntax**

\$TECHSYS\_C=Coordinate system

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Coordinate system	Type: ENUM
	#BASE
	#ROBROOT
	#TCP
	#TTS
	#WORLD

### 3.197 **\$TECHVAL[]**

### **Description**

Function value of a function generator

The variable contains the result of the programmed function of a function generator. This can be a conventionally programmed function generator or a spline function generator.



If the function value \$TECHVAL[] of a spline function generator is written to an analog output ANOUT, no negative DELAY is possible.

#### **Syntax**

\$TECHVAL [Index] = Result

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Index	Type: INT
	Number of the function generator:
	<b>1</b> 6
Result	Type: REAL
	Function value of the function generator

### 3.198 **\$TIMER[]**

**Description** Timer for cycle time measurement

The timer can be set forwards or backwards to any freely selected value.

**Syntax** 

\$TIMER[Index] = Time



Element	Description
Index	Type: INT
	Number of the timer
	<b>1</b> 64
Time	Type: INT; unit: ms
	Default: 0

### 3.199 **\$TIMER\_FLAG[]**

**Description** 

Flag for the timer

The variable indicates whether the value of the timer is greater than or equal

to zero.

\$TIMER\_FLAG[] can be used in interrupt conditions that are to be triggered after a certain time has elapsed. If the corresponding timer is started with a negative value, \$TIMER\_FLAG[] changes edge in the case of a zero passage.

**Syntax** 

\$TIMER FLAG[Index] = State

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Index	Type: INT
	Number of the timer
	<b>1</b> 64
State	Type: BOOL
	TRUE: Value greater than zero
	FALSE: Value equal to zero

## 3.200 **\$TIMER\_STOP[]**

**Description** 

Starting and stopping of the timer

The timer is started or stopped when the advance run pointer has reached the

line with the timer.

**Syntax** 

 $TIMER_STOP[Index] = State$ 

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Index	Type: INT
	Number of the timer
	<b>1</b> 64
State	Type: BOOL
	TRUE: Timer stopped
	FALSE: Timer started

#### 3.201 \$TOOL

**Description** 

TOOL coordinate system in the advance run

The variable of structure type FRAME defines the setpoint position of the TOOL coordinate system in relation to the FLANGE coordinate system.

X, Y, Z: Offset of the origin along the axes in [mm]

A, B, C: Rotational offset of the axis angles in [°]

### 3.202 \$TOOL\_C

#### **Description**

TOOL coordinate system in the main run

The variable of structure type FRAME defines the current actual position of the TOOL coordinate system in relation to the FLANGE coordinate system.

- X, Y, Z: Offset of the origin along the axes in [mm]
- **A**, **B**, **C**: Rotational offset of the axis angles in [°]



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

### 3.203 **\$TORQ\_DIFF[]**

### **Description**

Maximum torque deviation (force-induced torque)

During program execution, the values of \$TORQ\_DIFF[] (the difference between the setpoint torque and actual torque) are calculated. These values are compared with the values from the previous program execution or with the default values. The highest value is saved.

If collision detection or torque monitoring is active, the system compares the values of \$TORQ\_DIFF[] with the saved values during the motion. The values are always calculated, even when collision detection or torque monitoring is deactivated.

#### **Syntax**

\$TORQ DIFF[Axis number] = Deviation

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Axis number	Type: INT
	<b>1 6</b> : Robot axis A1 A6
	<b>7 12</b> : External axis E1 E6
Deviation	Type: INT; unit: %
	Note: This value cannot be changed by the user.

#### 3.204 \$TORQ\_DIFF2[]

#### Description

Maximum torque deviation (impact torque)

During program execution, the values of \$TORQ\_DIFF2[] (the difference between the setpoint torque and actual torque) are calculated. These values are compared with the values from the previous program execution or with the default values. The highest value is saved.

If collision detection or torque monitoring is active, the system compares the values of \$TORQ\_DIFF2[] with the saved values during the motion. The values are always calculated, even when collision detection or torque monitoring is deactivated.

#### **Syntax**

\$TORQ\_DIFF2 [Axis number] = Deviation



Element	Description
Axis number	Type: INT
	<b>1 6</b> : Robot axis A1 A6
	<b>7 12</b> : External axis E1 E6
Deviation	Type: INT; unit: %
	Note: This value cannot be changed by the user.

## 3.205 **\$TORQMON[]**

#### **Description**

Current factor for torque monitoring in program mode (force-induced torque)

If the robot collides with an object, the robot controller increases the axis torques in order to overcome the resistance. This can result in damage to the robot, tool or other objects.

The variable \$TORQMON[] contains the current tolerance range for the axis torques in program mode. This tolerance range is defined using the variable \$TORQMON DEF[] in the file ... STEU\Mada\\$custom.dat.

#### **Syntax**

\$TOROMON [ Axis number] = Factor

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Axis number	Type: INT
	<b>1 6</b> : Robot axis A1 A6
	<b>7 12</b> : External axis E1 E6
Factor	Type: INT; unit: %
	Default: 200

## 3.206 \$TORQMON\_COM[]

### **Description**

Current factor of torque monitoring in jogging

If the robot collides with an object, the robot controller increases the axis torques in order to overcome the resistance. This can result in damage to the robot, tool or other objects.

The variable \$TORQMON\_COM[] contains the current tolerance range for the axis torques in jogging. This tolerance range is defined using the variable \$TORQMON\_COM\_DEF[] in the file ...STEU\Mada\\$custom.dat.

## **Syntax**

\$TORQMON COM[Axis number] = Factor

Element	Description
Axis number	Type: INT
	<b>1 6</b> : Robot axis A1 A6
	<b>7 12</b> : External axis E1 E6
Factor	Type: INT; unit: %
	Default: 200



### 3.207 \$TORQUE\_AXIS\_ACT[] - KUKA System Software 8.2 and higher



Further information about torque mode and the use of system variables is contained in the Operating and Programming Instructions for System Integrators.

#### **Description**

Current motor torque of an axis (torque mode)

The displayed value is only relevant if the brakes are released. If the brakes are applied, it is virtually zero. (The state of the brakes can be displayed by means of the system variable \$BRAKE\_SIG. The value of \$BRAKE\_SIG is a bit array: bit 0 corresponds to A1, bit 6 corresponds to E1.)

The variable is write-protected. Its value is not dependent on the interpreter. In the robot program, the variable triggers an advance run stop.

#### **Syntax**

\$TORQUE AXIS ACT[Axis number] = Motor torque

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Axis number	Type: INT
	<b>1 6</b> : Robot axis A1 A6
	<b>7 12</b> : External axis E1 E6
Motor torque	Type: REAL; unit: Nm (for linear axes: N)

## 3.208 \$TORQUE\_AXIS\_LIMITS[] - KUKA System Software 8.2 and higher



Further information about torque mode and the use of system variables is contained in the Operating and Programming Instructions for System Integrators.

### **Description**

Currently active motor torque limitation for an axis (torque mode)

The variable contains the currently active limits programmed with the function SET\_TORQUE\_LIMITS() for torque mode.

The variable is primarily intended for diagnosis via the variable correction function or variable overview. In the robot program, the variable triggers an advance run stop.

#### **Syntax**

\$TORQUE AXIS LIMITS [Axis number] = Limits

## Explanation of the syntax

	Element	Description
Ī	Axis number	Type: INT
		<b>1 6</b> : Robot axis A1 A6
		<b>7 12</b> : External axis E1 E6
Ī	Limits	Type: TorqLimitParam
		Currently active torque limits

#### **TorqLimitParam**

STRUC TorqLimitParam REAL lower, upper, SW\_ONOFF monitor, REAL max\_vel, max\_lag



Element	Description
lower	Lower torque limit
	Unit: Nm (for linear axes: N)
	Default: -1E10 (unlimited)
upper	Upper torque limit
	Unit: Nm (for linear axes: N)
	Default: 1E10 (unlimited)
monitor	State of the regular monitoring functions
	<ul> <li>#ON: Regular monitoring functions are activated.</li> <li>#OFF: Regular monitoring functions are deactivated. Instead, the monitoring functions max_vel and max_lag are activated.</li> </ul>
	Default: #ON
max_vel	Maximum permissible actual velocity in torque mode (only relevant if the regular monitoring functions are deactivated)
	Only a positive value may be programmed.
	Unit: Degrees (for linear axes: mm)
	Default value (valid for all operating modes): T1 jog velocity * internal safety factor
	In T1, the maximum velocity with which jogging can be carried out is the default value, even if a higher value is programmed.
	<b>Note:</b> Only set a higher value than the default value if absolutely necessary.
max_lag	Maximum permissible following error in torque mode (only relevant if the regular monitoring functions are deactivated)
	Only a positive value may be programmed.
	Unit: Degrees (for linear axes: mm)
	Default value: 5 degrees (for linear axes: 100 mm)
	<b>Note:</b> Only set a higher value than the default value if absolutely necessary.

#### **Characteristics:**

- If there are currently no limits active, upper and lower remain non-initialized.
- The component monitor is always initialized unless the axis does not exist
  - This is relevant, for example, in the case of 4-axis and 5-axis robots: if the entire array is displayed, the non-existent axes can be easily identified. Non-existent external axes are simply not displayed when the entire array is displayed.
- Max\_vel and max\_lag are non-initialized if monitor = #ON, as the regular monitoring functions are active in this case.
  - If monitor = #OFF, the values of  $max_vel$  and  $max_lag$  are displayed. The display is irrespective of whether they have been set explicitly in the current program or whether the default values are being used.



The fact that certain components remain non-initialized under certain conditions, simplifies diagnosis for the user.

If the variable \$TORQUE\_AXIS\_LIMITS[] is accessed via KRL, however, the robot controller may regard the access as "invalid". Recommendation: Check the state of the variable with VARSTATE() prior to access.

## 3.209 \$TORQUE\_AXIS\_MAX[] - KUKA System Software 8.2 and higher



Further information about torque mode and the use of system variables is contained in the Operating and Programming Instructions for System Integrators.

#### Description

Absolute maximum motor torque of an axis (torque mode)

The value is a constant and is provided by the motor driver. It corresponds to the maximum motor characteristic (converted to output coordinates) in which the functional relationship between velocity and achievable drive torque are represented by a partially linear function.

The variable is write-protected. Its value is not dependent on the interpreter.

#### **Syntax**

\$TORQUE AXIS MAX[Axis number] = Value

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Axis number	Type: INT
	<b>1 6</b> : Robot axis A1 A6
	<b>7 12</b> : External axis E1 E6
Value	Type: REAL; unit: Nm (for linear axes: N)
	The value specifies an interval: from -value to +value

### 3.210 \$TORQUE\_AXIS\_MAX\_0[] - KUKA System Software 8.2 and higher



Further information about torque mode and the use of system variables is contained in the Operating and Programming Instructions for System Integrators.

#### **Description**

Maximum permanent motor torque of an axis at velocity 0 (torque mode)

The value is a constant and is provided by the motor driver. It does not normally correspond to the value of the motor characteristic at velocity 0, but is lower and takes into consideration derating effects of the inverters.

The variable is write-protected. Its value is not dependent on the interpreter.

#### **Syntax**

\$TORQUE AXIS MAX 0 [Axis number] = Value

Element	Description
Axis number	Type: INT
	<b>1 6</b> : Robot axis A1 A6
	<b>7 12</b> : External axis E1 E6
Value	Type: REAL; unit: Nm (for linear axes: N)
	The value specifies an interval: from -value to +value



### 3.211 **\$TRACE**

#### **Description**

Parameters for the TRACE function of the oscilloscope

The variable of structure type TRACE is written in the case of data recording with the oscilloscope. Components of the variable can be used, for example, to start or stop the recording via a program.

to start or stop the recording via a program

#### **Syntax**

\$TRACE={NAME[]"Name", MODE Mode, STATE State}

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Name	Type: CHAR
	Name of the TRC file: Maximum 7 characters
Mode	Type: ENUM
	Recording mode:
	#T_START: Starts the recording.
	#T_STOP: Stops the recording.
	#T_TRIGGER: Starts the trigger process.
Status	Type: ENUM
	Status of the recording process:
	#T_END: No recording is currently running.
	#TRIGGERED: Recording in progress.
	#T_WAIT: Waiting for the trigger.
	#T_WRITING: The recorded data are written to the hard drive.

#### 3.212 \$TSYS

#### Description

Position of the reference coordinate system of the function generator relative to BASE

The variable of structure type FRAME contains the current position of the reference coordinate system of a function generator relative to the BASE coordinate system.

- X, Y, Z: Offset of the origin along the axes in [mm]
- A, B, C: Rotational offset of the axis angles in [°]

The variable is write-protected and is updated cyclically.



This variable is not relevant for spline function generators.

#### 3.213 **\$VEL**

#### Description

Velocity of the TCP in the advance run

The variable of structure type CP contains the programmed Cartesian velocity for the following components:

- CP: Path velocity in [m/s]
- ORI1: Swivel velocity in [°/s]
- ORI2: Rotational velocity in [°/s]

Limit values for the Cartesian velocity:

#### 0.0 ... \$VEL\_MA

The maximum Cartesian velocity \$VEL\_MA is defined in the machine data (variable in the file ...R1\Mada\\$machine.dat).



Further information about the variable \$VEL\_MA can be found in the documentation **Configuration of Kinematic Systems**.

If \$VEL violates the limit values, the message *Value assignment inadmissible* is displayed. Program execution is stopped or the associated motion instruction is not executed during jogging.

#### **Example**

\$VEL={CP 2.0,ORI1 300.0,ORI2 300.0}

## 3.214 \$VEL\_C

#### **Description**

Velocity of the TCP in the main run

The variable of structure type CP contains the current Cartesian velocity for the following components:

- CP: Path velocity in [m/s]
- ORI1: Swivel velocity in [°/s]
- ORI2: Rotational velocity in [°/s]



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

### 3.215 **\$VEL ACT**

**Description** 

Current path velocity

**Syntax** 

\$VEL ACT=Velocity

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Velocity	Type: REAL; unit: m/s
	■ 0.0 \$VEL_MA.CP



Further information about the variable \$VEL\_MA can be found in the documentation **Configuration of Kinematic Systems**.

#### 3.216 **\$VEL\_AXIS**[]

#### Description

Velocity of the robot axes in the advance run

The variable contains the programmed axis velocity as a percentage of the maximum motor speed \$VEL\_AXIS\_MA[] (variable in the file ...R1\Mada\\$machine.dat).



Further information about the variable \$VEL\_AXIS\_MA[] can be found in the documentation **Configuration of Kinematic Systems**.

**Syntax** 

\$VEL AXIS [Axis number] = Velocity



Element	Description
Axis number	Type: INT
	<b>1 6</b> : Robot axis A1 A6
Velocity	Type: INT; unit: %
	<b>1</b> 100

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#### **Description**

Velocity of the robot axes in the main run

The variable contains the axis velocity of the motion currently being executed as a percentage of the maximum motor speed \$VEL\_AXIS\_MA[] (variable in the file ...R1\Mada\\$machine.dat).



Further information about the variable \$VEL\_AXIS\_MA[] can be found in the documentation **Configuration of Kinematic Systems**.



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

#### **Syntax**

\$VEL AXIS C[Axis number] = Velocity

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Axis number	Type: INT
	<b>1 6</b> : Robot axis A1 A6
Velocity	Type: INT; unit: %
	<b>1</b> 100

### 3.218 **\$VEL\_AXIS\_ACT[]**

#### **Description**

Current motor speed

The variable contains the direction of rotation and the speed of the motor as a percentage of the maximum motor speed \$VEL\_AXIS\_MA[] (variable in the file ...R1\Mada\\$machine.dat).



Further information about the variable \$VEL\_AXIS\_MA[] can be found in the documentation **Configuration of Kinematic Systems**.

#### **Syntax**

\$VEL\_AXIS\_ACT[Axis number] = Speed

Element	Description
Axis number	Type: INT
	<b>1 6</b> : Robot axis A1 A6
	<b>7 12</b> : External axis E1 E6
Speed	Type: REAL; unit: %
	-100.0 +100.0



### 3.219 **\$VEL\_EXTAX[]**

#### Description

Velocity of the external axes in the advance run

The variable contains the programmed axis velocity as a percentage of the maximum motor speed \$VEL\_AXIS\_MA[] (variable in the file ...R1\Mada\\$machine.dat).



Further information about the variable \$VEL\_AXIS\_MA[] can be found in the documentation **Configuration of Kinematic Systems**.

### **Syntax**

\$VEL EXTAX[Axis number] = Velocity

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Axis number	Type: INT
	■ 1 6: External axis E1 E6
Velocity	Type: INT; unit: %
	<b>1</b> 100

### 3.220 **\$VEL\_EXTAX\_C**[]

## **Description**

Velocity of the external axes in the main run

The variable contains the axis velocity of the motion currently being executed as a percentage of the maximum motor speed \$VEL\_AXIS\_MA[] (variable in the file ...R1\Mada\\$machine.dat).



Further information about the variable \$VEL\_AXIS\_MA[] can be found in the documentation **Configuration of Kinematic Systems**.



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.

#### **Syntax**

\$VEL EXTAX C[Axis number] = Velocity

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Axis number	Type: INT
	■ 1 6: External axis E1 E6
Velocity	Type: INT; unit: %
	<b>1</b> 100

### 3.221 **\$WAIT\_FOR[]**

#### **Description**

WAIT FOR statement at which an interpreter is currently waiting

The variable can be used to monitor which WAIT FOR statement an interpreter is currently waiting at. The variable is write-protected.

Depending on the specific interpreter, access to the information is as follows:

- Reading the variable in a robot program refers to the state of the robot interpreter.
- Reading the variable in a submit program refers to the state of the associated submit interpreter.



Reading the variable by means of the variable correction function refers to the current value of \$INTERPRETER.

The possible values for \$INTERPRETER depend on the Submit mode that the robot controller is in.

Robot controller in Single Submit mode (default operating mode):

- 0: Submit interpreter
- 1: Robot interpreter

Robot controller in Multi-Submit mode (only possible with KUKA System Software 8.3 and higher):

- 1: Robot interpreter
- 2: System submit interpreter
- 3: Extended submit interpreter 1
- 4: Extended submit interpreter 2
- · ..
- 9: Extended submit interpreter 7

#### **Syntax**

\$WAIT FOR[] = "Statement"

## Explanation of the syntax

E	Element	Description
3	Statement	Type: CHAR
		WAIT FOR statement: max. 2,047 characters

### 3.222 \$WAIT\_FOR0[] - KUKA System Software 8.2 and higher

#### **Description**

WAIT FOR statement at which the submit interpreter is currently waiting

The variable can be used to monitor which WAIT FOR statement the submit interpreter is currently waiting at. The variable is write-protected.

The variable is only available in Single Submit mode. If the robot controller is operated in Multi-Submit mode (only possible with KUKA System Software 8.3 and higher), it is not available.

#### **Syntax**

\$WAIT\_FOR0[]="Statement"

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Statement	Type: CHAR
	WAIT FOR statement: max. 2,047 characters

#### **Example**

WAIT FOR statement in the submit interpreter

```
DEF submit()

LOOP

WAIT FOR $IN[1024 + 2]

ENDLOOP

END
```

The index resolution for \$WAIT\_FOR0[] is always active. If \$WAIT\_FOR\_ON0 == TRUE, the submit interpreter waits at the WAIT FOR statement. Then \$WAIT\_FOR0[] = "WAIT FOR \$IN[1026]".

### 3.223 \$WAIT\_FOR1[] - KUKA System Software 8.2 and higher

#### **Description**

WAIT FOR statement at which the robot interpreter is currently waiting



The variable can be used to monitor which WAIT FOR statement the robot interpreter is currently waiting at. The variable is write-protected.

**Syntax** 

\$WAIT FOR1[]="Statement"

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Statement	Type: CHAR
	WAIT FOR statement: max. 2,047 characters

#### Example

WAIT FOR statement in the robot interpreter

```
DEF robot()
LOOP
WAIT FOR $IN[1024 + 2]
ENDLOOP
END
```

The index resolution for \$WAIT\_FOR1[] is always active. If \$WAIT\_FOR\_ON1 == TRUE, the robot interpreter waits at the WAIT FOR statement. Then \$WAIT FOR1[] = "WAIT FOR \$IN[1026]".

#### 3.224 \$WAIT\_FOR\_INDEXRES

**Description** 

State of the index resolution with reference to the WAIT FOR statement

The variable can be read and changed via the variable correction function.

**Syntax** 

\$WAIT\_FOR\_INDEXRES=State

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: ENUM
	#NO_RESOLUTION: Interpreter is waiting at a condition that cannot be resolved.
	#NO_WAIT: No wait condition is active, and thus also no index resolution.
	#WAIT_INDEX_RES: Interpreter is waiting at a condition and the index resolution is active.
	#WAIT_NO_INDEX_RES: Interpreter is waiting at a condition and the index resolution is not active.

#### 3.225 **\$WAIT\_FOR\_ON**

#### Description

State of an interpreter with reference to the WAIT FOR condition

The variable can be used to monitor whether an interpreter is currently waiting at a WAIT FOR condition. The variable is write-protected.

Depending on the specific interpreter, access to the information is as follows:

- Reading the variable in a robot program refers to the state of the robot interpreter.
- Reading the variable in a submit program refers to the state of the associated submit interpreter.
- Reading the variable by means of the variable correction function refers to the current value of \$INTERPRETER.

The possible values for \$INTERPRETER depend on the Submit mode that the robot controller is in.

Robot controller in Single Submit mode (default operating mode):



- 0: Submit interpreter
- 1: Robot interpreter

Robot controller in Multi-Submit mode (only possible with KUKA System Software 8.3 and higher):

- 1: Robot interpreter
- 2: System submit interpreter
- 3: Extended submit interpreter 1
- 4: Extended submit interpreter 2
- . . .
- 9: Extended submit interpreter 7

**Syntax** 

\$WAIT FOR ON=State

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	TRUE: Interpreter is waiting.
	FALSE: Interpreter is not waiting.

## 3.226 \$WAIT\_FOR\_ON0 - KUKA System Software 8.2 and higher

**Description** 

State of the submit interpreter with reference to the WAIT FOR condition

The variable can be used to monitor whether the submit interpreter is currently waiting at a WALT FOR condition. The variable is write protected.

waiting at a WAIT FOR condition. The variable is write-protected.

The variable is only available in Single Submit mode. If the robot controller is operated in Multi-Submit mode (only possible with KUKA System Software 8.3 and higher), it is not available.

Syntax \$WAIT FOR ONO=State

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	TRUE: Interpreter is waiting.
	<ul><li>FALSE: Interpreter is not waiting.</li></ul>

## 3.227 \$WAIT\_FOR\_ON1 - KUKA System Software 8.2 and higher

**Description** State of the robot interpreter with reference to the WAIT FOR condition

The variable can be used to monitor whether the robot interpreter is currently

waiting at a WAIT FOR condition. The variable is write-protected.

Syntax \$WAIT FOR ON1=State

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	TRUE: Interpreter is waiting.
	FALSE: Interpreter is not waiting.

### 3.228 **\$WAIT STATE**

**Description** Active wait condition with reference to an interpreter



The variable can be used to monitor whether a wait condition is active and what type it is. The variable is write-protected.

Depending on the specific interpreter, access to the information is as follows:

- Reading the variable in a robot program refers to the status of the robot interpreter.
- Reading the variable in a submit program refers to the status of the associated submit interpreter.
- Reading the variable by means of the variable correction function refers to the current value of \$INTERPRETER.

The possible values for \$INTERPRETER depend on the Submit mode that the robot controller is in.

Robot controller in Single Submit mode (default operating mode):

- 0: Submit interpreter
- 1: Robot interpreter

Robot controller in Multi-Submit mode (only possible with KUKA System Software 8.3 and higher):

- 1: Robot interpreter
- 2: System submit interpreter
- 3: Extended submit interpreter 1
- 4: Extended submit interpreter 2
- .
- 9: Extended submit interpreter 7

**Syntax** 

\$WAIT STATE=Condition

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Condition	Type: ENUM
	#NOT_WAITING : No wait condition is active.
	#WAIT_WORKSPACE: Robot is waiting for a work- space to be enabled.
	#WAIT_PROGSYNC: When a PROGSYNC command is reached, the robot waits for all cooperating robots to reach this command (only relevant in RoboTeam).
	#WAIT_REMOTECMD: Robot waits for a remote state- ment, e.g. via the network.
	#WAIT_BOOL_EXPR: Robot waits for a Boolean expression.

#### 3.229 \$WBOXDISABLE

**Description** State of workspace monitoring

Syntax \$WBOXDISABLE=State

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	TRUE: Monitoring is active.
	FALSE: Monitoring is not active.
	Default: FALSE



## 3.230 \$WORLD

### **Description**

WORLD coordinate system

The variable of structure type FRAME is write-protected and contains the origin coordinate system for the ROBROOT and BASE coordinate system.

- X, Y, Z: Offset of the origin along the axes in [mm]
- **A**, **B**, **C**: Rotational offset of the axis angles in [°]

By definition, the variable components are set to zero.

\$WORLD={X 0.0, Y 0.0, Z 0.0, A 0.0, B 0.0, C 0.0}



The variable is write-protected and can only be read.



## 4 Machine data ...STEU\Mada\\$machine.dat

The input and output signals that are available on the robot controller are declared in the file ...STEU\Mada\\$machine.dat. These include:

- Signals of the Automatic External interface
- Signals for the brake test and mastering test

The signals for the brake test and mastering test are not described in this documentation. Information about these signals can be found in the documentation of the safety options (e.g. in the **SafeOperation** documentation).

These signals are not redundant in design and can supply incorrect information. Do not use these signals for safety-relevant applications.

#### Input signals

By default, some input signals are routed to \$IN[1025] or \$[1026]. To use these signals, they must be assigned to other input numbers.

Input signals that are not required can be deactivated with FALSE.

#### **Output signals**

Some output signals are preset to FALSE. It is not essential to assign output numbers to them. This only has to be done if it is desirable for the signals to be read (e.g. via the variable correction function or program run).

Some output signals are already assigned to output numbers. These signals can be assigned to other output numbers. Signals that are not required can be deactivated with FALSE.

#### 4.1 \$ALARM\_STOP

#### Description

Signal declaration for the EMERGENCY STOP

There is no EMERGENCY STOP if this output is set.

The output is reset in the following EMERGENCY STOP situations:

- For an EMERGENCY STOP via the EMERGENCY STOP device on the smartPAD
- For an EMERGENCY STOP via the external EMERGENCY STOP device

#### **Syntax**

SIGNAL \$ALARM\_STOP \$OUT[Output number]

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Output number	Type: INT
	Default: 1013

#### 4.2 \$ALARM STOP INTERN

**Description** Signal declaration for the internal EMERGENCY STOP

This output is set in the case of an internal EMERGENCY STOP.

Syntax SIGNAL \$ALARM\_STOP\_INTERN \$OUT[Output number]

Element	Description
Output number	Type: INT
	Default: 853



#### 4.3 \$AUT

**Description** Signal declaration for Automatic mode

This output is set when Automatic mode is selected.

Syntax SIGNAL \$AUT \$OUT[Output number]

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Output	Type: INT
number	Default: 995

## 4.4 \$CONF\_MESS

**Description** Signal declaration for the external acknowledgement of messages

If the Automatic External interface is active (\$I\_O\_ACT is TRUE), this input can be set by the higher-level controller to acknowledge an error message as soon as the cause of the error has been eliminated.



Only the rising edge of the signal is evaluated.

Syntax SIGNAL \$CONF\_MESS \$IN[Input number]

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Input number	Type: INT
	Default: 1026

#### 4.5 \$DRIVES OFF

**Description** Signal declaration for switching off the drives

If there is a LOW-level pulse of at least 20 ms duration at this input, the higher-

level controller switches off the robot drives.

Syntax SIGNAL \$DRIVES OFF \$IN[Input number]

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Input number	Type: INT
	Default: 1025

## 4.6 \$DRIVES\_ON

**Description** Signal declaration for switching on the drives

If there is a HIGH-level pulse of at least 20 ms duration at this input, the higher-

level controller switches on the robot drives.

Syntax SIGNAL \$DRIVES\_ON \$IN[Input number]

Element	Description
Input number	Type: INT
	Default: 140



#### 4.7 \$EXT

**Description** Signal declaration for Automatic External mode

This output is set when Automatic External mode is selected.

Syntax SIGNAL \$EXT \$OUT[Output number]

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Output	Type: INT
number	Default: 996

## 4.8 \$EXT\_START

**Description** Signal declaration for the external program start

If the Automatic External interface is active (\$I\_O\_ACTCONF is TRUE), this input can be set by the higher-level controller to start or continue a program.



Only the rising edge of the signal is evaluated.

Syntax SIGNAL \$EXT START \$IN[Input number]

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Input number	Type: INT
	Default: 1026

## 4.9 \$I\_O\_ACT

**Description** Signal declaration for the Automatic External interface

If this input is set, the Automatic External interface is active.

Syntax SIGNAL \$I\_O\_ACT \$IN[Input number]

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Input number	Type: INT
	Default: <b>1025</b>

#### 4.10 \$I\_O\_ACTCONF

**Description** Signal declaration for the active Automatic External interface

This output is set if Automatic External mode is selected and the Automatic External interface is active (input \$I\_O\_ACT is TRUE). The higher-level control-

ler can start a program.

Syntax SIGNAL \$1 O ACTCONF \$OUT[Output number]

Element	Description
Output number	Type: INT
	Default: 140



### 4.11 \$IN\_HOME

**Description** Signal declaration for reaching the HOME position

The variable \$H\_POS defines the HOME position of the robot in the machine data. By setting the output, the robot controller communicates to the higher-

level controller that the robot is located in its HOME position.

Syntax SIGNAL \$IN HOME \$OUT[Output number]

Explanation of the syntax

	Element	Description
	Output number	Type: INT
number	number	Default: 1000

## 4.12 \$IN\_HOME1 ... \$IN\_HOME5

**Description** Signal declaration for reaching the HOME position 1 ... 5

The variable \$AXIS\_HOME allows up to 5 HOME positions to be defined in the machine data (in addition to the HOME position defined using \$H\_POS). By setting the output, the robot controller communicates to the higher-level controller that the probability is leasted in HOME position.

troller that the robot is located in HOME position 1 ... 5.

Syntax SIGNAL \$IN\_HOME Index \$OUT [Output number]

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Index	Type: INT
	Index of the HOME position
	<b>1</b> 5
Output number	Type: INT
	Default: 977 981

#### 4.13 **\$MOVE ENABLE**

#### **Description**

Signal declaration for motion enable

This input is used by the higher-level controller to check the robot drives. If the higher-level controller sets the input to TRUE, the robot can be moved manually and in program mode. If the input is set to FALSE, the drives are switched off and the active commands are inhibited.

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If the drives have been switched off by the higher-level controller, the message *General motion enable* is displayed. It is only possible to move the robot again once this message has been acknowledged

and an external start signal (\$EXT\_START) has been given.

### **Syntax**

SIGNAL \$MOVE ENABLE \$IN[Input number]

Element	Description
Input number	Type: INT
	Default: <b>1025</b>



### 4.14 \$MOVE\_ENA\_ACK

**Description** Signal declaration for signaling the motion enable

By setting this output, the robot controller communicates to the higher-level controller that it has received the motion enable signal \$MOVE\_ENABLE.

Syntax SIGNAL \$MOVE ENA ACK \$OUT[Output number]

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Output number	Type: INT
number	Default: 150

## 4.15 \$NEAR\_POSRET

**Description** Signal declaration for the tolerance window about \$POS\_RET

By setting the output, the robot controller communicates to the higher-level controller that the robot is located within a sphere about the position saved in \$POS\_RET. The higher-level controller can use this information to decide whether or not the program may be restarted.

The user can define the radius of the sphere in the file \$CUSTOM.DAT using the variable \$NEARPATHTOL.

SIGNAL \$NEAR\_POSRET \$OUT[Output number]

**Syntax** 

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Output	Type: INT
number	Default: 997

#### 4.16 **\$ON PATH**

**Description** Signal declaration for monitoring of the programmed path

This output is set after the BCO run. The robot controller thus communicates to the higher-level controller that the robot is located on the programmed path. The output is reset again only if the robot leaves the path, the program is reset or block selection is carried out.

Syntax SIGNAL \$ON\_PATH \$OUT[Output number]

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Output	Type: INT
number	Default: 147

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**Description** Signal declaration for Drives ON

By setting this output, the robot controller communicates to the higher-level controller the fact that the intermediate circuit is fully charged and that the ro-

bot drives are ready.

Syntax SIGNAL \$PERI\_RDY \$OUT[Output number]



Element	Description
Output number	Type: INT
	Default: 1012

### 4.18 \$PRO\_ACT

#### Description

Signal declaration for active process

This output is set whenever a process is active at robot level. The process is therefore active as long as a program or an interrupt is being processed. Program processing is set to the inactive state at the end of the program only after all pulse outputs and all triggers have been processed.

In the event of an error stop, a distinction must be made between the following possibilities:

- If interrupts have been activated but not processed at the time of the error stop, the process is regarded as inactive (\$PRO\_ACT=FALSE).
- If interrupts have been activated and processed at the time of the error stop, the process is regarded as active (\$PRO\_ACT=TRUE) until the interrupt program is completed or a STOP occurs in it (\$PRO\_ACT=FALSE).
- If interrupts have been activated and a STOP occurs in the program, the process is regarded as inactive (\$PRO\_ACT=FALSE). If, after this, an interrupt condition is met, the process is regarded as active (\$PRO\_ACT=TRUE) until the interrupt program is completed or a STOP occurs in it (\$PRO\_ACT=FALSE).

**Syntax** 

SIGNAL \$PRO ACT \$OUT[Output number]

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Output	Type: INT
number	Default: 1021

#### 4.19 **\$PRO\_MOVE**

Description

Signal declaration for active program motion

This output is set whenever a synchronous axis moves (also in jog mode). The signal is thus the inverse of \$ROB\_STOPPED.

**Syntax** 

SIGNAL \$PRO MOVE \$OUT[Output number]

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Output	Type: INT
number	Default: 1022

#### 4.20 \$RC\_RDY1

Description

Signal declaration for operational robot controller

If the robot controller sets this output, it is ready for operation and the program can be started by the higher-level controller.

Syntax SIGNAL \$RC RDY1 \$OUT[Output number]



Element	Description
Output number	Type: INT
number	Default: 137

### 4.21 \$ROB\_CAL

**Description** Signal declaration for robot mastering

This output is set whenever all robot axes are mastered. The output is reset

as soon as a robot axis has been unmastered.

Syntax SIGNAL \$ROB CAL \$OUT[Output number]

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Output	Type: INT
number	Default: <b>1001</b>

## 4.22 \$ROB\_STOPPED

**Description** Signal declaration for robot standstill

This output is set when the robot is at a standstill. In the event of a WAIT statement, this output is set during the wait. The signal is thus the inverse of

\$PRO\_MOVE.

Syntax SIGNAL \$ROB STOPPED \$OUT[Output number]

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Output number	Type: INT
	Default: 1023

#### 4.23 \$STOPMESS

**Description** Signal declaration for stop messages

This output is set in order to communicate to the higher-level controller the occurrence of any message that required the robot to be stopped. For example,

after an EMERGENCY STOP or operator safety violation.

Syntax SIGNAL \$STOPMESS \$OUT[Output number]

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Output number	Type: INT
	Default: <b>1010</b>

## 4.24 \$T1

**Description** Signal declaration for T1 mode

This output is set when operating mode T1 is selected.

Syntax SIGNAL \$T1 \$OUT[Output number]

Element	Description
Output number	Type: INT
Harriber	Default: 993

#### 4.25 \$T2

**Description** Signal declaration for T2 mode

This output is set when T2 mode is selected.

Syntax SIGNAL \$T2 \$OUT[Output number]

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Output number	Type: INT
	Default: 994

### 4.26 **\$USER\_SAF**

**Description** Signal declaration for the safety fence monitoring

This output is reset if the safety fence monitoring switch is opened (AUT mode)

or an enabling switch is released (T1 or T2 mode).

Syntax SIGNAL \$USER SAF \$OUT[Output number]

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Output	Type: INT
number	Default: <b>1011</b>

### 4.27 \$AUX\_POWER

**Description** Signal declaration for external power supply

This input is set when the external power supply is active.

Syntax SIGNAL \$AUX POWER \$IN[Input number]

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Input number	Type: INT
	Default: 1026

### 4.28 \$IMM\_STOP

**Description** Signal declaration for the EMERGENCY STOP

By setting this input, the higher-level controller can trigger an EMERGENCY

STOP.

Syntax SIGNAL \$IMM STOP \$IN[Input number]

Element	Description
Input number	Type: INT
	Default: 1025



### 4.29 \$PR\_MODE

**Description** Signal declaration for programming mode

This output is set if operating mode T1 or T2 is selected and no program is run-

ning.

Syntax SIGNAL \$PR MODE \$OUT[Output number]

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Output number	Type: INT
	Default: 138

## 4.30 \$SAFEGATE\_OP

**Description** Signal declaration for operator safety

This input is set when the operator safety is active, e.g. in Automatic mode with

the gate closed.

In the event of a loss of signal during Automatic operation (e.g. safety gate is opened), the drives are deactivated after 1 s. The robot and external axes (optional) stop with a STOP 1. When the signal is applied again at the input (e.g. safety gate closed), automatic operation can be resumed once the corre-

sponding message has been acknowledged.

Syntax SIGNAL \$SAFEGATE OP \$IN[Input number]

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Input number	Type: INT
	Default: <b>1025</b>

## 4.31 \$SS\_MODE

**Description** Signal declaration for Single Step mode

This output is set when operating mode T1 or T2 is selected.

Syntax SIGNAL \$SS MODE \$OUT[Output number]

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Output	Type: INT
number	Default: 139

## 4.32 **\$T2\_ENABLE**

**Description** Signal declaration for reduction of the program override

This input is used by the higher-level controller to check the program override. If the higher-level controller resets the input, the program override is reduced

to 10%.

Syntax SIGNAL \$T2 ENABLE \$IN[Input number]



Element	Description
Input number	Type: INT
	Default: 1025

#### 4.33 \$AXWORKSTATE

#### **Description**

Signal declaration for monitoring of axis-specific workspaces

Each configured workspace must be assigned to a signal output. The output is set if an axis-specific workspace is violated.



Further information about configuring workspaces is contained in the Operating and Programming Instructions for System Integrators.

## **Syntax**

SIGNAL \$AXWORKSTATEIndex \$OUT[Output number]

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Index	Type: INT
	Number of workspace
	<b>1</b> 8
Output number	Type: INT
	By default, the output is deactivated with FALSE.

#### 4.34 \$WORKSTATE

### Description

Signal declaration for monitoring of Cartesian workspaces

Each configured workspace must be assigned to a signal output. The output is set if a Cartesian workspace is violated.



Further information about configuring workspaces is contained in the Operating and Programming Instructions for System Integrators.

#### **Syntax**

SIGNAL \$WORKSTATEIndex \$OUT[Output number]

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Index	Type: INT
	Number of workspace
	<b>1</b> 8
Output number	Type: INT
	By default, the output is deactivated with FALSE.

### 4.35 \$EMSTOP\_PATH

**Description** Path-maintaining EMERGENCY STOP for operating modes T1, T2, Automatic

and Automatic External

Syntax SEMSTOP PATH={T1 State, T2 State, AUT State, EX State}



Element	Description
State	Type: ENUM
	#ON: Path-maintaining EMERGENCY STOP is activated.
	#OFF: Path-maintaining EMERGENCY STOP is deactivated.
	Default: #ON

## 4.36 \$V\_STEUMADA[]

**Description** Version identifier of the controller-specific machine data ...\STEU\Mada\\$ma-

chine.dat

Syntax \$V\_STEUMADA[]="Identifier"

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Identifier	Type: CHAR
	Version identifier: max. 32 characters

## **Example**

\$V\_STEUMADA[]="V1.1.2/KUKA8.2"

The identifier consists of the following components:

- Version of the file ...\STEU\Mada\\$machine.dat
- Version of the KUKA System Software



#### Machine data ...R1\Mada\\$machine.dat 5

#### 5.1 **\$ACC CAR LIMIT**

#### Description

Maximum Cartesian acceleration

The variable of structure type ACC CAR defines the maximum permissible Cartesian acceleration for the following components:

- X, Y, Z: Maximum Cartesian acceleration for X, Y, Z in [m/s<sup>2</sup>]
- A, B, C: The maximum Cartesian acceleration for A, B, C is not evaluated.
- ABS: Maximum overall Cartesian acceleration in the XYZ space in [m/s<sup>2</sup>] (absolute value of the acceleration in X, Y, Z)

The current Cartesian acceleration \$ACC\_CAR\_ACT may not exceed the maximum Cartesian acceleration \$ACC\_CAR\_LIMIT. If the maximum permissible acceleration is exceeded, the robot is brought to a halt by ramp-down braking (STOP 2) and the acknowledgement message Maximum Cartesian acceleration exceeded is generated.



The monitoring of the Cartesian acceleration is deactivated by default and must be activated using the variable \$ACC\_CAR\_STOP. Otherwise, no ramp-down braking (STOP 2) occurs if the maximum Cartesian acceleration is exceeded.

**Default** 

\$ACC CAR LIMIT={X 0.0, Y 0.0, Z 0.0, A 0.0, B 0.0, C 0.0 ABS 0.0}

#### 5.2 **\$ACC CAR STOP**

#### Description

Cartesian acceleration monitoring

If the monitoring is active and the maximum Cartesian acceleration \$ACC CAR LIMIT is exceeded, the robot is brought to a halt by ramp-down braking (STOP 2) and the acknowledgement message Maximum Cartesian acceleration exceeded is generated.

**Syntax** 

\$ACC CAR STOP=State

## **Explanation of** the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	TRUE: Monitoring is active.
	FALSE: Monitoring is not active.
	Default: FALSE

#### 5.3 \$ACC\_CAR\_TOOL

#### Description

Monitoring of the Cartesian acceleration in relation to the TCP or flange

The variable of structure type FRAME defines the point at which the Cartesian accelerations that affect a tool mounted on the flange are cyclically calculated:

- X, Y, Z: Position on the X, Y, Z axes in [mm]
- A, B, C: The orientation of the angles is not evaluated.

The accelerations determined at this point must not exceed the maximum value defined by the variable \$ACC CAR LIMIT.

Default

\$ACC CAR TOOL={X 0.0,Y 0.0,Z 0.0,A 0.0,B 0.0,C 0.0}



### 5.4 \$ACC\_OV

#### **Description**

Acceleration of the TCP in the event of a change to the program override (POV)

The variable of structure type CP defines the Cartesian acceleration in the event of a change to the program override (POV).

The aggregate consists of the following components:

- CP: Path acceleration in [m/s²]
- ORI1: Swivel acceleration in [°/s²]
- ORI2: Rotational acceleration in [°/s²]

#### **Example**

\$ACC\_OV={CP 4.6,ORI1 200.0,ORI2 200.0}

## 5.5 \$AXIS\_HOME[]

#### **Description**

HOME position \$AXIS\_HOME[1] ... \$AXIS\_HOME[5]

The variable of structure type E6AXIS allows 5 further HOME positions to be defined (in addition to the HOME position defined using \$H\_POS).

- A1 ... A6: Angular values in [°] or translation values in [mm]
- E1 ... E6: Angular values in [°] or translation values in [mm]

### **Example**

\$AXIS\_HOME[1]={A1 0.0,A2 -90.0,A3 90.0,A4 0.0,A5 0.0,A6 0.0,E1 0.0,E2 0.0,E3 0.0,E4 0.0,E5 0.0,E6 0.0}

## 5.6 \$COM\_VAL\_MI[]

#### Description

Limitation of the command rotational speed

This variable allows the axial command velocity to be limited to the percentage set here.

### **Syntax**

\$COM VAL MI[Axis number] = Limit value

## Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Axis number	Type: INT
	<b>1 6</b> : Robot axis A1 A6
	<b>7 12</b> : External axis E1 E6
Limit value	Type: REAL; unit: %
	Default: <b>150.0</b>
	Note: This value must not be changed.

### 5.7 **\$DIR\_CAL**

**Description** 

Mastering direction

During mastering, the reference point of an axis is addressed in the positive or

negative direction.

**Syntax** 

\$DIR\_CAL=Bit array



Element	Description
Bit array	Bit array that specifies the mastering direction for each axis
	■ <b>Bit n = 0</b> : The reference point is approached in the positive direction.
	Bit n = 1: The reference point is approached in the negative direction.

Bit n	11	5	4	3	2	1	0
Axis	E6	A6	A5	A4	A3	A2	A1

#### Example

\$DIR CAL='B010011'

The reference points of axes A3, A4 and A6 are approached in the positive direction. The reference points of axes A1, A2 and A5 are approached in the negative direction.

### 5.8 \$EMSTOP\_TIME

#### Description

Timeout monitoring for path-maintaining EMERGENCY STOP (STOP 1)

This variable defines a period of time after completion of interpolation in the event of a path-maintaining EMERGENCY STOP. After this period the drives are switched off.

### **Syntax**

\$EMSTOP TIME=Time

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Time	Type: INT; unit: ms
	Default: 100

# 5.9 \$H\_AXIS\_TOL

#### **Description**

Tolerance window for reaching the HOME position \$AXIS\_HOME

This variable of structure type E6AXIS is used to define the maximum permissible position deviation for each of the 5 additional HOME positions.

- A1 ... A6: Angular values in [°] or translation values in [mm]
- E1 ... E6: Angular values in [°] or translation values in [mm]

#### **Example**

\$H\_AXIS\_TOL[1]={A1 2.0,A2 2.0,A3 2.0,A4 2.0,A5 2.0,A6 2.0,E1 2.0,E2 2.0,E3 2.0,E4 2.0,E5 2.0,E6 2.0}

### 5.10 \$H\_POS

#### **Description**

**HOME** position

This variable of structure type E6AXIS is used to define the HOME position.

- A1 ... A6: Angular values in [°] or translation values in [mm]
- E1 ... E6: Angular values in [°] or translation values in [mm]

#### **Default**

\$H\_POS={A1 0.0,A2 -90.0,A3 90.0,A4 0.0,A5 0.0,A6 0.0,E1 0.0,E2 0.0,E3 0.0,E4 0.0,E5 0.0,E6 0.0}



# 5.11 \$H\_POS\_TOL

#### Description

Tolerance window for reaching the HOME position \$H\_POS

This variable of structure type E6AXIS defines the maximum permissible position deviation.

- A1 ... A6: Angular values in [°] or translation values in [mm]
- E1 ... E6: Angular values in [°] or translation values in [mm]

#### Example

\$H\_POS\_TOL={A1 2.0,A2 2.0,A3 2.0,A4 2.0,A5 2.0,A6 2.0,E1 2.0,E2 2.0,E3 2.0,E4 2.0,E5 2.0,E6 2.0}

### 5.12 \$ILLEGAL SPEED

#### Description

Velocity limit value before the filter

This variable is used to define a limit value for monitoring the velocity before the filter \$MONITOR\_ILLEGAL\_SPEED.



The value of the variable is unaffected by a software update.

#### **Syntax**

\$ILLEGAL SPEED=Limit value

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Limit value	Type: INT; unit: %
	<b>150 500</b>
	Default: 200
	<b>Note:</b> If the value zero is entered here, the monitoring is deactivated.

### 5.13 \$INDIVIDUAL\_MAMES

### **Description**

Offset from the mastering position

This variable is used to define whether the offset data for mastering are saved. This depends on the robot model.

- In the conventional robot calibration procedure, the mastering marks are set exactly to the mastering position saved in \$MAMES[x], e.g. 0.0, -90.0, 90.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0.
- For manufacturing reasons, a new procedure has been introduced. The mastering equipment has been fixed, and during robot calibration the offset from the mastering position saved in \$MAMES[x] is calculated.

The offset data are saved on the RDC with the file name *Robot serial number*.MAM.

#### **Syntax**

\$INDIVIDUAL\_MAMES=Offset



Element	Description			
Offset	Type: ENUM			
	#NONE: No offset is saved.			
	#RDC: An offset is saved.			
	During mastering, the robot controller accesses the off- set data on the hard drive and calculates the exact mas- tering position.			
	<b>Note</b> : The offset is not taken into consideration during reference mastering.			
	<b>Note</b> : If #RDC is used, the mastering position of the manipulator must be stored in \$MAMES[x].			

## 5.14 **\$MAMES**[]

#### **Description**

Mastering position

The variable contains the specific mastering position for a robot type (= offset between the mechanical zero position (mastering mark) and the electronic zero position).

The robot-specific mastering position may deviate slightly. If this is the case, the offset relative to the mastering position stored in MAMES[x] for each axis is determined and saved in a MAM file.

During mastering, the axes are moved to the mechanical zero position. In the mechanical zero position, the axis counter takes the degree or millimeter value saved under \$MAMES[x] as the current axis position. If offset data are saved, the axis counter takes the MAMES value plus the saved offset as the current axis position.

#### **Syntax**

\$MAMES [Axis number] = Axis value

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description		
Axis number	Type: INT		
	<b>1 6</b> : Robot axis A1 A6		
	<b>7 12</b> : External axis E1 E6		
Axis value	Type: REAL; unit: ° (for linear axes: mm)		
	-180° +180°		

#### Example

\$MAMES[1]=0.0 \$MAMES[2]=-90.0 \$MAMES[3]=90.0 \$MAMES[4]=0.0 \$MAMES[5]=0.0 \$MAMES[6]=0.0

### 5.15 \$MONITOR\_ILLEGAL\_SPEED

**Description** Velocity monitoring before the filter

This variable allows the monitoring of the velocity before the filter to be deactivated, without changing the variable \$ILLEGAL\_SPEED.

ax \$MONITOR\_ILLEGAL\_SPEED=State

**Syntax** 



Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	■ TRUE: Monitoring is activated.
	FALSE: Monitoring is not activated.
	Default: TRUE

#### 5.16 \$NUM\_AX

**Description** Number of robot axes

**Syntax** \$NUM AX=Number

**Explanation of** the syntax

Element	Description
Number	Type: INT
	<b>1</b> 6

**Example** Robot with 6 axes

\$NUM AX=6

#### 5.17 **\$ORI\_CHECK**

**Description** Orientation check at the end point of CP movements

> For 5-axis robots there are 2 possibilities of approaching a Cartesian position at the end point of a CP movement. The difference between them is a 180° shift in the orientation angle C.

**Syntax** \$ORI CHECK=State

**Explanation of** the syntax

Element	Description			
State	Type: INT			
	O: The orientation at the end point is not checked (default setting for 6-axis robots).			
	1: A check is made to see if the taught end point has been reached (default setting for 5-axis robots).			

#### 5.18 \$SEQ\_CAL[]

**Description** Mastering sequence of the axes in steps

The mastering steps must be specified in ascending order.

**Syntax** \$SEQ CAL[Mastering step] = Bit array

**Explanation of** the syntax

Element	Description
Mastering step	Type: INT
	<b>1</b> 12
Bit array	Bit array that specifies the axis to be mastered
	■ Bit n = 0: The axis is not mastered.
	■ Bit n = 1: The axis is mastered.



Bit n	11	5	4	3	2	1	0
Axis	E6	A6	A5	A4	A3	A2	A1

#### **Example**

```
$SEQ_CAL[1]='B0001'

$SEQ_CAL[2]='B0010'

$SEQ_CAL[3]='B0100'

$SEQ_CAL[4]='B1000'

$SEQ_CAL[5]='B0001 0000'

$SEQ_CAL[6]='B0010 0000'

$SEQ_CAL[7]='B0100 0000'

$SEQ_CAL[8]='B1000 0000'
```

### 5.19 \$SPEED\_LIMIT\_TEACH\_MODE

**Description** Maximum TCP and flange velocity (HOV, T1)

This variable limits the TCP and flange velocity during jogging in T1 mode to

the value set here.

Syntax \$SPEED LIMIT TEACH MODE=Velocity

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Velocity	Type: REAL; unit: m/s
	<b>0.0 0.25</b>
	Default: 12:25 AM a.m.

#### 5.20 \$TL\_COM\_VAL

**Description** Tolerance time for limitation of the command speed

If after the tolerance time defined here the command velocity is greater than the limit defined by the variable  $COM_VAL_MI$ , the error message Command

velocity {Axis number} is displayed.

Syntax \$TL COM VAL=Tolerance time

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Tolerance	Type: INT; unit: ms
time	Default: 50
	Note: This value must not be changed.

### 5.21 \$TRAFONAME[]

**Description** Name of coordinate transformation

This variable can be used to assign the coordinate transformation a symbolic name. This name is compared with the \$ROBTRAFO[] robot name pro-

grammed on the RDC.

Syntax \$TRAFONAME[]="Name"

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Name	Type: CHAR
	Name of the coordinate transformation: max. 32 characters



**Example** 

\$TRAFO\_NAME[]="#KR16 C2 FLR ZH16"

# 5.22 **\$V\_R1MADA**[]

**Description** Version identifier of the robot-specific machine data ...\R1\Mada\\$ma-

chine.dat

**Syntax** \$V\_R1MADA[]="Identifier"

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Identifier	Type: CHAR
	Version identifier: max. 32 characters

**Example** 

\$V\_R1MADA[]="V1.1.2/KUKA8.2"

The identifier consists of the following components:

- Version of the file ...\R1\Mada\\$machine.dat
- Version of the KUKA System Software



# 6 Machine data ...STEU\Mada\\$custom.dat

### 6.1 \$ABS CONVERT

#### Description

Conversion to positionally accurate Cartesian robot poses

The variable can be used to convert non-positionally accurate Cartesian robot poses to positionally accurate ones. For example, Cartesian robot poses in motion programs that were taught without a positionally accurate robot model can be nominally converted to positionally accurate coordinates and stored in the associated data list. For this purpose, the variable \$ABS\_CONVERT is set to TRUE.

In physical terms, there is no change in the way the converted robot poses are addressed. Bit 5 of the state specification indicates whether positionally accurate coordinates are stored for a point. If the bit is set (bit 5 = 1), the coordinates are positionally accurate and the point is not converted again.



It is advisable to set the variable \$ABS\_CONVERT to FALSE again as soon as the Cartesian robot poses have been converted.

#### **Syntax**

\$ABS CONVERT=State

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	<ul> <li>TRUE: Conversion to positionally accurate Cartesian robot poses</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>FALSE: No conversion to positionally accurate Cartesian robot poses</li> </ul>
	Default: FALSE

### 6.2 \$BIN\_IN[]

Description

Configuration of binary inputs

**Syntax** 

\$BIN IN[Input number] = {F BIT Start bit, LEN Bit width, PARITY Type}

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Input number	Type: INT
	<b>1</b> 20
Start bit	Type: INT
	<b>1</b> 4 096
	<b>Note</b> : This is the maximum possible range of inputs. \$SET_IO_SIZE can be used to reduce the range of inputs.
	Default: 1

Element	Description
Bit width	Type: INT
	■ 032
	Default: 0
Туре	Type: ENUM
	#NONE: Parity bit is not activated.
	#EVEN: Parity bit is activated.
	<ul><li>If the parity sum is even, the parity bit has the value</li><li>0.</li></ul>
	If the parity sum is odd, the parity bit has the value 1.
	#ODD: Parity bit is activated.
	If the parity sum is odd, the parity bit has the value 0.
	<ul><li>If the parity sum is even, the parity bit has the value</li><li>1.</li></ul>
	Default: #NONE

#### \$BIN\_OUT[] 6.3

Description

Configuration of binary outputs

**Syntax** 

\$BIN\_OUT[Output number] = {F\_BIT Start bit, LEN Bit width, PARITY Type}

**Explanation of** the syntax

Element	Description
Output number	Type: INT
	<b>1</b> 20
Start bit	Type: INT
	<b>1</b> 4 096
	<b>Note</b> : This is the maximum possible range of outputs. \$SET_IO_SIZE can be used to reduce the range of outputs.
	Default: 1
Bit width	Type: INT
	<b>0</b> 32
	Default: 0
Туре	Type: ENUM
	#NONE: Parity bit is not activated.
	<b>#EVEN</b> : Parity bit is activated.
	<ul><li>If the parity sum is even, the parity bit has the value</li><li>0.</li></ul>
	If the parity sum is odd, the parity bit has the value 1.
	<b>#ODD</b> : Parity bit is activated.
	If the parity sum is odd, the parity bit has the value 0.
	<ul><li>If the parity sum is even, the parity bit has the value</li><li>1.</li></ul>
	Default: #NONE



### 6.4 **\$COUNT\_I**[]

Description

Freely usable variable for a counter

**Syntax** 

\$COUNT I[Index] = Number

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Index	Type: INT
	Counter number
	<b>1</b> 64
Number	Type: INT

#### 6.5 \$CP STATMON

#### Description

The user can activate a status/turn check using \$CP\_STATMON. This applies for the following motions:

- LIN, CIRC
- Individual spline blocks
- Spline blocks

Either only the status can be checked or both the status and turn.

A check is made to see if the TCP at the end point has reached the taught or programmed status/turn. If not, the robot stops at the end point and the robot controller generates the message \$CP\_STATMON: incorrect axis angle. The program can be resumed once the message has been acknowledged.

If the end point is approximated during a spline motion, the robot controller checks during planning whether the status/turn would be correctly approached if the end point were an exact positioning point. If this would not be the case, then a message is displayed: \$CP\_STATMON: approximate positioning not possible. The robot moves exactly to the point, stops there and the message \$CP\_STATMON: incorrect axis angle is generated.

Following a block selection into a spline block, a check is carried out after the BCO run to see whether the end point of the block (not the end point of the BCO run) is reached with the correct status/turn. If not, the robot stops and the message \$CP\_STATMON: incorrect axis angle is generated. If the message is acknowledged and the program is resumed, the robot stops again at the end point of the block and the message is generated again.

No check is carried out in the following cases, even if a check has been activated:

- For CIRC motions with a circular angle specification
- If \$ORI\_TYPE == #JOINT, the status of the wrist axes is not checked.
- If no status and/or turn has been programmed for a programmed point, the relevant component is not checked.
- If the BASE coordinate system is unknown at the time of planning (e.g. if the BASE is a conveyor belt), the turn is not checked.
- For LIN and CIRC, the turn is not checked if the axis angles at the end point are between -2° and +2°.

\$CP\_STATMON can be edited via the variable correction function or in the \$CUSTOM.DAT file.

**Syntax** 

\$CP STATMON=State



Element	Description
State	Type: ENUM
	#CHECK_S: Status is checked.
	#CHECK_TS: Status and Turn are checked.
	#NONE: The check is deactivated.
	Default: #NONE

#### 6.6 \$CP VEL TYPE

#### Description

Reduction of the axis velocity for CP motions

The variable causes an automatic reduction of the axis velocity in certain situations. The reduction is particularly effective in the vicinity of singularities and generally allows the robot to pass through the singularity position. \$CP VEL TYPE can be written from the robot interpreter.



If \$CP\_VEL\_TYPE is modified via the robot interpreter, the value in the file \$CUSTOM.DAT is also modified. After a cold start, the robot controller boots with the new setting.

#### **Syntax**

\$CP VEL TYPE=Reduction type

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Reduction	Type: ENUM
type	#CONSTANT: No reduction of axis velocity
	#VAR_ALL: Reduction of axis velocity in all modes
	#VAR_ALL_MODEL: Model-based reduction of axis velocity in program mode
	#VAR_T1: Reduction of axis velocity in T1
	<b>Note</b> : Reduction of axis velocity is always active in Cartesian jogging.

# 6.7 \$KCP\_POS

**Description** Position of the KUKA smartPAD relative to the position of the robot (compass

dial)

**Syntax** \$KCP POS=Position

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Position	Type: REAL; unit: °
	Default: 0.0

#### 6.8 \$NEARPATHTOL

**Description** Tolerance for deviation from \$POS\_RET (= radius of the sphere about

\$POS\_RET)

Syntax \$NEARPATHTOL=Radius

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Radius	Type: REAL; unit: mm



### 6.9 \$PRO\_I\_O[] - KUKA System Software 8.1 and 8.2

**Description** Path to the submit program

At a cold start of the robot controller, the submit interpreter automatically starts

the program specified here. By default, this is SPS.SUB.

Syntax \$PRO I O[]="Name"

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description	
Name	Type: CHAR	
	Directory and name of the program: max. 64 characters	

**Example** Default path to the submit program

\$PRO\_I\_O[]="/R1/SPS()"

# 6.10 \$PRO\_I\_O\_SYS - KUKA System Software 8.3 and higher

# **Description** The program to be started at a cold start of the robot controller for the system submit interpreter

At a cold start of the robot controller, the system submit interpreter automatically starts the program specified here. By default, this is SPS.SUB.

By default, the program SPS.SUB is assigned to the system submit interpreter. It is strongly recommended not to change this assignment. It is necessary to enable the controller-internal submit tasks to be executed. If this assignment is changed, this can affect the functionality of technology packages and other options.

The variable is of structure type PRO\_IO\_T. It can be read by both a robot program and a submit program. Data can also be written to it using the variable correction function.

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description	
Name	Type: CHAR	
	Directory and name of the submit program: max. 64 characters	
Cold start	Type: ENUM SW_ONOFF	
	Start of the submit program at a cold start	
	<ul><li>#ON: Submit program is started.</li></ul>	
	#OFF: Submit program is not started.	

#### **Example** Default entry for the system submit interpreter

DECL PRO IO T \$PRO I O SYS={MODULE[] "/R1/SPS()", COLD BOOT RUN #ON}

# 6.11 \$PRO\_I\_O\_PROC\_ID3...9 - KUKA System Software 8.3 and higher

# **Description** The program to be started at a cold start of the robot controller for extended submit interpreters 1...7

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A submit program can be assigned to every extended submit interpreter that is to be started at a cold start of the robot controller. A configuration window is provided for this on the smartHMI. The variable is written by the assignment.

The variable is of structure type PRO\_IO\_T. It can be read by both a robot program and a submit program. Data can also be written to it using the variable correction function.

**Syntax** 

\$PRO\_I\_O\_PROC\_IDIndex={MODULE[] "Name", COLD\_BOOT\_RUN Cold
start}

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description	
Index	Type: INT	
	Number of the extended submit interpreter	
	<ul><li>3: Extended submit interpreter 1</li></ul>	
	<ul><li>4: Extended submit interpreter 2</li></ul>	
	•	
	<ul><li>9: Extended submit interpreter 7</li></ul>	
Name	Type: CHAR	
	Directory and name of the submit program: max. 64 characters	
Cold start	Type: ENUM SW_ONOFF	
	Start of the submit program at a cold start	
	#ON: Submit program is started.	
	<ul><li>#OFF: Submit program is not started.</li></ul>	

### 6.12 \$RED\_T1\_OV\_CP

#### **Description**

Reduction of the path velocity for CP motions in T1

The path velocity can be reduced in the following ways:

- Reduction by the percentage \$RED\_T1 specified in the file ...R1\Mada\\$machine.dat
- Reduction to the path velocity \$VEL\_CP\_T1 specified in the file ...R1\Mada\\$machine.dat

**Syntax** 

\$RED T1 OV CP=Reduction type

# Explanation of the syntax

	Element	Description
٠	Reduction	Type: BOOL
	type	TRUE: Reduction by \$RED_T1
		FALSE: Reduction to \$VEL_CP_T1
		Default: TRUE

### 6.13 **\$TARGET\_STATUS**

Description

Status for the motion to the target point

The variable is used by the KRL INVERSE() function. The Status defined here is adopted if the Status value transferred for the target point is invalid.

**Syntax** 

\$TARGET\_STATUS=State



Element	Description
State	Type: ENUM
	#SOURCE: The Status of the start point is adopted.
	#BEST: The 8 possible Status combinations are calculated. The combination resulting in the shortest motion from the start to the target point is used.
	Default: #SOURCE

### 6.14 \$TECH\_ANA\_FLT\_OFF[]

#### Description

Analog value filter for \$TECHVAL[.]

The variable \$ANA\_DEL\_FILT can be used to set the robot controller response to use of an analog output (ANOUT) with a negative DELAY. An analog output with a negative DELAY is proportional either to the current velocity \$VEL ACT or to the current technology parameter \$TECHVAL[.].

In more recent software releases you can configure whether the current values of \$VEL\_ACT or \$TECHVAL[.] are calculated before or after the filter. The default settings \$VEL\_FLT\_OFF=TRUE and \$TECH\_ANA\_FLT\_OFF[x]=TRUE ensure high-accuracy calculation of these values in all situations. Therefore these settings are strongly recommended.

The settings \$VEL\_FLT\_OFF=FALSE or \$TECH\_ANA\_FLT\_OFF[x]=FALSE can be used to achieve behavior that is compatible with old software releases. Only in this way is it possible to generate the negative DELAY – at least in part – by reducing the analog value filter. This behavior is configured by setting \$ANA\_DEL\_FLT=#OFF. In this way a small amount of cycle time is saved for each single block with exact positioning. This time saving however entails a reduction in the precision of the analog signal.

On the other hand, the default settings \$VEL\_FLT\_OFF=TRUE or \$TECH\_ANA\_FLT\_OFF[x]=TRUE mean it is not possible to achieve a negative DELAY by reducing the analog value filter. The switch \$ANA\_DEL\_FLT has no effect in this case.

#### **Syntax**

\$TECH ANA FLT OFF[Axis number] = State

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description	
Axis number	Type: INT	
	<b>1 6</b> : Robot axis A1 A6	
State	Type: BOOL	
	TRUE: Analog value filter is deactivated.	
	FALSE: Analog value filter is activated.	
	Default: TRUE	

### 6.15 \$TECH\_FUNC

**Description** Active functions of the function generator

Syntax \$TECH FUNC=Bit array



Element	Description	
Bit array	Bit array with which individual functions can be activated.	
	Bit n = 0: Function is not active.	
	■ Bit n = 1: Function is active.	

Bit n	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	6	5	4	3	2	1

### 6.16 \$TORQMON\_COM\_DEF[]

#### **Description**

Factor for torque monitoring in jogging

If the robot collides with an object, the robot controller increases the axis torques in order to overcome the resistance. This can result in damage to the robot, tool or other objects.

The variable \$TORQMON\_COM\_DEF[] defines the tolerance range for the axis torques in jogging. The width of the tolerance range is equal to the maximum torque [Nm] multiplied by the value of \$TORQMON\_COM\_DEF[]. (Only for axes with valid model data)



Further information about torque monitoring is contained in the "Operating and Programming Instructions for System Integrators".

#### **Syntax**

\$TORQMON COM DEF[Axis number] = Factor

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description	
Axis number	Type: INT	
	<b>1 6</b> : Robot axis A1 A6	
	<b>7 12</b> : External axis E1 E6	
Factor	Type: INT; unit: %	
	Default: 200	

# 6.17 \$TORQMON\_DEF[]

#### Description

Factor for torque monitoring in program mode (force-induced torque)

If the robot collides with an object, the robot controller increases the axis torques in order to overcome the resistance. This can result in damage to the robot, tool or other objects.

The variable \$TORQMON\_DEF[] defines the tolerance range for the axis torques in program mode. The width of the tolerance range is equal to the maximum torque [Nm] multiplied by the value in \$TORQMON\_DEF[]. (Only for axes with valid model data)



Further information about torque monitoring is contained in the "Operating and Programming Instructions for System Integrators".

#### **Syntax**

\$TOROMON DEF[Axis number] = Factor



Element	Description	
Axis number	Type: INT	
	<b>1 6</b> : Robot axis A1 A6	
	<b>7 12</b> : External axis E1 E6	
Factor	Type: INT; unit: %	
	Default: 200	

#### 6.18 **\$TORQMON\_TIME**

Description Response time for collision detection (force-induced torque monitoring)

**Syntax** \$TORQMON\_TIME=Response time

**Explanation of** the syntax

Element	Description
Response time	Type: REAL; unit: ms
	Default: 0.0



# 7 Machine data ...STEU\Mada\\$option.dat

# 7.1 \$CHCK\_MOVENA

**Description** Checking the input number of \$MOVE\_ENABLE

The variable \$MOVE\_ENABLE is used by the higher-level controller to check the robot drives. The precondition is that a suitable input number (<> \$IN[1025]) has been assigned to the signal \$MOVE\_ENABLE. This is

checked with \$CHCK\_MOVENA.

Syntax \$CHCK MOVENA=State

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	TRUE: \$MOVE_ENABLE is checked.
	■ FALSE: \$MOVE_ENABLE is not checked.
	Default: TRUE

### 7.2 \$IDENT OPT

**Description** Enabling of load data determination

Syntax \$IDENT\_OPT=State

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description	
State	Type: BOOL	
	TRUE: Load data can be determined.	
	FALSE: No load data can be determined.	
	Default: TRUE	

#### 7.3 \$IMPROVEDMIXEDBLENDING

**Description** Improved mixed approximate positioning

If the improved approximation mechanism is deactivated or the variable is missing in the file \$OPTION.DAT, it is possible that points will not be approxi-

mated.

Syntax \$IMPROVEDMIXEDBLENDING=State

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description	
State	Type: BOOL	
	<ul> <li>TRUE: Improved approximate positioning is activated.</li> <li>FALSE: Improved approximate positioning is deactivated.</li> </ul>	
	Default: TRUE	

### 7.4 \$LOOP\_CONT

**Description** Simulation of the condition for terminating a wait statement



If a wait message \$LOOP\_MSG is active, the variable \$LOOP\_CONT is set to TRUE. The variable \$LOOP\_CONT is reset again if the **Simulate** softkey is used to simulate that the condition programmed in a wait statement is fulfilled.

**Syntax** 

\$LOOP CONT=State

# Explanation of the syntax

•	Element	Description
٠	State	Type: BOOL
		<ul> <li>TRUE: A wait message relating to a wait statement has been activated.</li> </ul>
		FALSE: Condition for terminating the wait statement has been simulated (Simulate softkey).
		Default: FALSE

# 7.5 \$LOOP\_MSG[]

#### **Description**

Activation of a wait message

The variable can be used to activate a wait message relating to a wait statement in the KRL program. The message text defined with the variable and the **Simulate** softkey are displayed. In order to end the wait message, the message text must be deleted from the variable again. For this purpose, an empty string can be programmed with \$LOOP\_MSG[] or the StrClear() function can be used.



The signal combination at the inputs/outputs defined in a wait statement can be simulated and program execution resumed by pressing the **Simulate** softkey. Precondition: Operating mode T1 or T2.

**Syntax** 

\$LOOP MSG[]="Message"

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Message	Type: CHAR
	Message text: max. 128 characters

### 7.6 \$MOT\_STOP\_OPT

Description

Activation of the "Block external start" option

The variable can be used to activate the function defined in the variable \$MOT STOP.

(>>> 3.102 "\$MOT\_STOP" Page 66)

**Syntax** 

\$MOT\_STOP\_OPT=State

# Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	TRUE: Option is activated.
	■ FALSE: Option is not activated.
	Default: FALSE



### 7.7 \$SINGUL\_STRATEGY

**Description** Strategy for singularity-free motion

Syntax \$SINGUL STRATEGY=Strategy

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
Strategy	Type: INT
	O: No strategy
	<ul> <li>1: Approximation strategy (= moving through a singularity by means of changes in orientation)</li> </ul>
	Default: 0

# 7.8 \$TCP\_IPO

**Description** Interpolation mode

The interpolation mode is specified in the Frames option window (program-

ming of motions).

Syntax \$TCP\_IPO=State

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description	
State	Type: BOOL	
	TRUE: The tool is a fixed tool.	
■ FALSE: The tool is mounted on the mounting		
	Default: FALSE	

### 7.9 \$TECH OPT

**Description** Operating state of the function generator

Syntax \$TECH OPT=State

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description	
State	Type: BOOL	
	TRUE: Function generator is active.	
	FALSE: Function generator is not active.	
	Default: TRUE	

### 7.10 \$T2\_OV\_REDUCE

**Description** Override reduction when switching to T2 mode

If this option is activated, the override is automatically reduced to 10% when switching to T2. If the mode is changed from T1 to T2, the override value from T1 is saved and is available again the next time that T1 mode is set. This does not apply after a restart of the robot controller. After a restart, the default value

for the override in T1 is 100%.

Syntax \$T2 OV REDUCE=State



Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	■ TRUE: Override is reduced.
	FALSE: Override is not reduced.
	Default: TRUE

# 7.11 \$VAR\_TCP\_IPO

**Description** Remote laser on/off (optional)

If this option is activated, there must be a valid file VarTcplpo.INI in the INIT

directory of the robot controller.

Syntax \$VAR\_TCP\_IPO=State

Explanation of the syntax

Element	Description
State	Type: BOOL
	TRUE: Option is activated.
	FALSE: Option is not activated.
	Default: FALSE



# 8 KUKA Service

### 8.1 Requesting support

#### Introduction

This documentation provides information on operation and operator control, and provides assistance with troubleshooting. For further assistance, please contact your local KUKA subsidiary.

#### Information

#### The following information is required for processing a support request:

- Description of the problem, including information about the duration and frequency of the fault
- As comprehensive information as possible about the hardware and software components of the overall system

The following list gives an indication of the information which is relevant in many cases:

- Model and serial number of the kinematic system, e.g. the manipulator
- Model and serial number of the controller
- Model and serial number of the energy supply system
- Designation and version of the system software
- Designations and versions of other software components or modifications
- Diagnostic package KRCDiag
   Additionally for KUKA Sunrise: Existing projects including applications

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- Application used
- External axes used

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